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## Ben-Yair, Liba'i spurn Shas-Labor coalition pact

EVELYN GORDON

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair washed his hands of the Labor-Shas coalition agreement last night, saying that since neither he nor Justice Minister David Liba'i had anything to do with it, they should not be respondents in the five petitions against it.

Thus, insofar as the petitions are directed against Ben-Yair and Liba'i, they should be rejected, attorney Omat Mandel—who will represent the state at today's hearing—said in her response.

However, Ben-Yair did not take a stance on whether the petitions should be rejected on their merits.

The Labor-Shas agreement says legislation will be passed to restore the religious status quo if the High Court of Justice issues a ruling which Shas believes violates it. It also requires the amendment of the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom, to enable the passage of such legislation.

According to previous High Court rulings, Mandel wrote, there is nothing wrong with a coalition agreement if it does not contradict the public good—and normally, protecting the religious status quo would not do so.

Furthermore, she said, the court has previously ruled that coalition agreements are not binding, and Ben-Yair can mix any proposed legislation he considers unlawful.

However, she stated, Ben-Yair considers the agreement's blanket promise to rectify any violation of the status quo with legislation to be "inappropriate, and not to be acted on," since each case must be considered on its merits.

And while it appears that a panel of legal experts mentioned in the agreement will merely recommend appropriate legislation, she wrote, if its recommendations will be considered binding, Ben-Yair also considers this clause "inappropriate and not to be acted on."  
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Soldiers carry Ma'ayan Levy, killed in Sunday night's terror attack in Jerusalem, to her final resting place in the cemetery of Moshav Beit Zayit yesterday. (AP)

## Search for accomplices in capital terror attack

BILL HUTMAN  
 and DAVID MAKOVSKY

told a meeting of the Labor Party's Knesset faction. "It therefore seems they obtained them here. But the matter is still under investigation."

**Hamas in Palestinian Police  
 No-confidence motion defeated  
 Anti-government demos  
 Capital police surprised  
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The terrorists worked their way up the Yoel Salomon pedestrian mall from Hillel Street, firing more than 150 rounds and throwing four grenades, all of which failed to explode, before being gunned down by an elite Border Police unit that was in the area by chance.  
 Police Inspector-General Assaf

Hefetz said that shooting by civilians during the incident had confused the security forces, leading them to think there were more than two terrorists in the area.

"We support having civilians carry weapons," he said. "But the moment there is an attack, the weapons must be used very, very carefully, and there is no need to shoot in the air for no reason."

Both witnesses and security officials said that the rain that fell about a half hour before the attack and sent many people rushing home from the normally busy cafe district apparently saved many lives.

"I was stepping outside when all of a sudden I heard the gunfire," said Galit Bin-Nun, 21, a waitress. "I ran back inside and the gunfire continued. Glass was flying everywhere."  
 She said she hid "for over 15 minutes" with another waitress, who was wounded in the buttocks.  
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## Iraq said backing off from Kuwait border

HILLEL KUTTLER  
 and news agencies

IRAQ yesterday declared an end to its menacing five-day troop build-up, and said some troops would be shifted away from the Kuwaiti border, but the statement was treated with caution abroad and disbelief in Kuwait.

The US is still moving ahead with its deployment of forces to the Persian Gulf. The first contingent of US soldiers arrived in Kuwait City yesterday.

The administration, operating under the assumption that Saddam Hussein is preparing to repeat his 1990 invasion of Kuwait, would not confirm Iraq's claim that its troops, estimated at 80,000 strong, were retreating from the border.

"I haven't seen anything like that, no," said Gen. John Shalikshvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hours later, Nizar Hamdoun, Iraq's ambassador to the UN, said Iraqi forces would withdraw from the Kuwaiti border and "are already on the move." He said they would be sent north of Basra.

"But Iraq still reserves the right to mobilize and to maneuver its troops anywhere in its own territories," he added.

Kuwait said it did not believe

such statements.

"We cannot, and the international community cannot, take these statements seriously," Information Minister Sheikh Saud Nasser Sabah said. "We will believe them when we see them... We want to see facts taking place on the ground corroborated by satellite and intelligence."

In Baghdad, Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed Sahhaf said troops would be deployed to "other locations in the rear," to finish military exercises.

White House spokeswoman Dee Myers said the White House could not confirm Iraq's claims that it was pulling its forces back from the Iraq-Kuwait border.

"We don't have anything to report," she said of the Iraqi claims. "I don't know when we'll know."

President Clinton was to address the nation from the Oval Office last night on the situations in Iraq and Haiti, Myers said.

She said Clinton was expected to talk in his speech about US troop deployments to the Gulf region to face the Iraqi buildup and the "general situation" there and in Haiti.

Clinton decided yesterday after-

noon to cancel a trip to New Jersey to deal with the continuing crisis.

UN Ambassador Madeleine Albright told reporters the US is not convinced by Iraq's pledges and is anticipating Baghdad's next move.

"We have to see deeds. Words are cheap and deeds are what the coin of the realm is," said Albright, who added the US has "not been able to verify [Iraq's pullback]. We can not confirm or deny."

In Jerusalem, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin downplayed the Iraqi threat.

"We don't see at this stage any problem to Israel," Rabin told reporters after meeting with US Secretary of State Warren Christopher. "Israel is strong militarily and can cope with any eventuality."

Christopher said Saddam "would not be permitted to intimidate the people of Kuwait or the people of this region. We're absolutely firm that we will prevent any aggression there."

"They will not be able to achieve any progress in getting the sanctions lifted by this technique. To the contrary, I think their actions there belie any effort that they might be making to justify lifting the sanctions."

## Israeli shot in head near Hebron

JON IMMANUEL

AN Israeli was shot and critically wounded in the head, apparently by an IDF soldier, near Idna in the Hebron area last night.

Military sources said that the victim, who was driving a car, was shot by a soldier who thought he was about to be run over.

The army was checking why the victim was driving on such an isolated road at night.

An army helicopter rushed a medical team to the site to treat the victim, and then flew the victim to Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem.

**Item adds:**  
 An Arab man was shot and wounded by IDF troops last night near Dahariya.

The man was apparently driving a car that approached an army checkpoint, arousing the soldiers' suspicion. They ordered him to stop and when he did not respond, they fired at the car.

He suffered moderate to serious wounds, and was taken to a Jerusalem hospital.

## Body of prostitute found in well

SALIK Lardu, 22, a Beersheba prostitute, was found dead in the bottom of an ancient well yesterday near the Lahavim junction in the Negev, on the Beit Kama-Beersheba highway.

There were signs of violence on the body, which was nude from the waist up.

A Beduin shepherd who came to the site to visit the nearby grave of his mother noticed bloodstains and signs of something having been dragged towards the well, and notified police.

Amir Rozenblit

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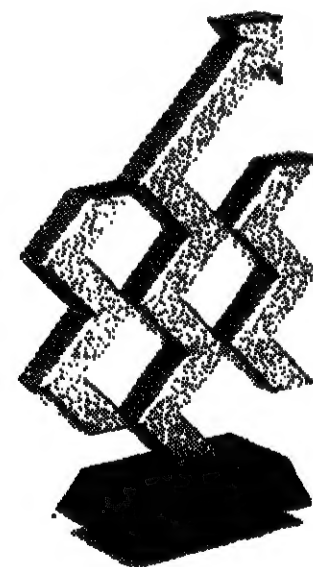
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# No easy way to fight terror

ANALYSIS

GERALD STEINBERG

HISTORICALLY, there have been three types of responses to terrorism: prevention, interdiction, and deterrence. Each is effective to some degree, but each also has its limitations.

The government will have to take some action following Sunday night's attack in Jerusalem, and the question is which option will be chosen.

Prevention is generally the first line of defense. It is based on efforts to block access to major population centers through curfews and closure. This approach has a number of inherent limitations. It is technically impossible to prevent terrorist infiltrations. No fence separates the Gaza Strip or Arab towns in Judea and Samaria from Israel.

The IDF can close the main roads linking these regions to the rest of Israel, but it cannot patrol all the smaller trails and paths.

In "normal" periods, more than 100,000 Palestinians work in Israel, or cross for other purposes, including medical treatment and business. By reducing the number of Palestinians in Israel, the threat of terror is reduced. However, for political and economic reasons, the government is unwilling to close off these areas for long periods.

Palestinians complain that during closures, they have no source of income, while many Israeli employers have trouble finding workers. Following a wave of terror in April, entry was restricted to 9,000 workers, all over 35, but this policy did not last long.

In addition, over 150,000 Palestinians live in Jerusalem, and are able to cross freely into the rest of Israel. Curfews and closures do not generally apply to Jerusalem residents.

While prevention is passive, interdiction is based on actively trying to find terrorist groups. This takes the war to the enemy, and is consistent with overall Israeli military philosophy. During the intifada, intelligence sources provided

the names and hideouts of the leaders and major members of terrorist cells. Special IDF units were sent to infiltrate cities, villages, and refugee camps, and capture or kill suspected terrorists.

This approach was initially successful, but not sustainable for a long period. New terrorists are constantly recruited, and it becomes increasingly difficult to identify and capture them. With Palestinian autonomy in Gaza and Jericho, the IDF is prevented from mounting interdictive operations, limiting this approach even further.

Deterrence, by contrast, is based on retaliation and punishment. It is designed to undermine the support for terrorism by making the cost too high. In the early 1950s, when there were daily attacks, deterrence was the major strategic response. In retaliation for these attacks, Israeli forces attacked targets in Gaza (controlled by Egypt) and in Judea and Samaria (controlled by Jordan). As the intensity of retaliation increased, the level of Palestinian attacks decreased. It also forced King Hussein to take action against the Palestinian groups operating out of his country.

Since 1967, deterrence has been more difficult. The IDF could not bomb or attack villages or towns under its control. In some cases, it responded to terrorism by striking at PLO targets in Jordan, Lebanon, and Tunisia, but as the foundation for Palestinian terrorism moved to the territories, the impact of these actions decreased.

Ironically, as the Palestinian autonomy expands, the potential for deterrence has increased. A number of military commanders and political leaders have hinted at the possibility that the IDF will be forced to act against targets in Gaza.

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## Jordan, PLO to coordinate policy on displaced Palestinians

AMMAN (Reuters) - The PLO and Jordan have agreed to coordinate policy regarding the eventual settlement of more than 800,000 Palestinians displaced by the Six Day War, a Palestinian official said yesterday.

Yasser Abed-Rabbo, head of the information department in the Palestinian Authority, said the two sides agreed on the joint stance in bilateral talks begun on Sunday.

A paper would be drafted by both sides to pave the way for a long-delayed committee to include the Palestinians, Jordan, Egypt and Israel, Abed-Rabbo added.

Last year's peace accord stipulated that such a committee should be formed to decide upon "the modalities of admission of displaced Palestinians" who fled from Judea, Samaria, and Gaza during the Six Day War.

Abed-Rabbo, who heads the Palestinian delegation to talks with Jordan, said contacts would be made soon with Israel for meetings on the issue.

The United Nations says that more than 850,000 Palestinians fled their homes and settled in Jordan during the war.

Meanwhile, Jordanian and PLO officials said yesterday they were working towards resolving differences over economic and political issues.

"But all these differences can be resolved," Abdul-Raouf Rawabdeh told reporters after delegates met for three hours. Rawabdeh heads the Jordanian team.

Yesterday's meetings focused on cooperation in monetary and banking affairs, as well as trade between Jordan and the Palestinian Authority.

The talks began Sunday and come after a period of strained relations between Jordan and the PA over control of Moslem holy sites in eastern Jerusalem.

Abed-Rabbo said the two sides were seeking agreements on "certain points that will improve and generate practical economic cooperation between the two sides." He would not elaborate.

## Hizbullah stepping up pressure on the SLA

DAVID RUDGE

HIZBULLAH is stepping up its psychological pressure on the South Lebanese Army, following an abortive attempt on the life of a senior SLA officer last week.

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, in a statement carried by Lebanese newspapers yesterday, warned that "anyone who continues to assist the occupation of Lebanon will be severely punished."

Nasrallah stressed, however, that the "road to repentance is still open" for members of the SLA.

His comments were echoed by another Hizbullah official, Mohammed Yaghi, a member of the Lebanese parliament. Yaghi maintained that the attack in Bint Jbeil in which the

SLA's western region commander Col. Akel Hashem was wounded, is proof that "Hizbullah's arm is long." Yaghi was quoted in the Lebanese press as saying that the term "security zone" is a misnomer because there is no security for the IDF and its allies in south Lebanon.

Meanwhile, an SLA position in the Ali Tahr region came under light weapons and RPG fire late on Sunday night, but there were no casualties.

Yesterday, a roadside bomb was discovered and safely destroyed in the Beit Yaboun area, and more firing was reported at SLA positions in the central and eastern sectors. There were no casualties among IDF or SLA troops.

## Egypt opposes pipeline through Israel

Egypt yesterday urged Arab countries to ship their natural gas bound for Europe through the Suez Canal instead of making deals to transport it via Israel.

Suez Canal Authority chairman Mohammed Ezzat Adel told a group of Egyptian parliamentarians he had offered the Gulf state of Qatar a reduction of 35 percent in transit fees for 25 years if it used the waterway for shipping gas to Europe.

"We are not against Qatar's shipping gas to Israel but we are against Israel being a center for the distribution of Qatar gas to Europe. If this happens it will adversely affect the Suez Canal earnings," Adel said.

"We are not against peace with Israel and we are not against the trade exchange with the Jewish state. But any relations with Israel should not be at the expense of the Suez Canal earnings," he told the parliamentarians.



The Netanyahu family adds one. Sara Netanyahu, wife of Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu, gave birth to a 3.4 kg. baby boy at Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital, Mount Scopus, yesterday. The boy is the couple's second son and Netanyahu's third child. He has a 17-year-old daughter from his first marriage and a three-year-old son, Yair. Netanyahu spent the night at his wife's bedside and assisted in the delivery. "I did not faint," he told to 'The Jerusalem Post.' (Text: Sarah Hovav, Photo: Brian Hendler)

## Jordan-Israel talks still stymied over water, land

JORDAN held out for settlement of its outstanding claims of land and water during peace talks in Elat yesterday, saying grand schemes of economic development in the Jordan Rift Valley could come later.

Negotiators from the two sides, who have pledged to sign a full treaty soon, started two weeks of intensive talks which will now shift to Akaba.

But Jordanian officials emphasized the basic issues that still divided them from Israel. Jordan wants more water from the Jordan River and claims about 350 sq. km. along the border.

Jordanian officials said the gap between the two sides on these issues was still wide. Neither side revealed details.

"The essential part of any agreement is water and boundaries. Looking at the [Rift Valley development] concept, water is a major part of that," Fayez Tarawneh, head of the Jordanian delegation, told reporters after talks ended for the day.

He added it would take months to develop the details of a master plan and raise investor interest in the project. Meanwhile, water was not just a technical issue but a key political issue.

"We have to get [investor] interest in development and then there might be pre-feasibility studies and then feasibility studies. Some of these are mega-projects and will take a long time," said Tarawneh.

He said an economic subcommittee of the negotiations did not meet yesterday as expected because some Jordanian experts had been tied up in talks with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Elyakim Rubinstein, who heads the Israeli delegation, said talks on development should be on a parallel track with the basic issues.

"The valley development should be planned for a time when everything is fixed. There is no need to wait," he said. (Reuters)

## Negotiators make progress on elections

ISRAELI and Palestinian negotiators agreed yesterday to establish a supervisory committee to arbitrate issues concerning voter eligibility, including the right of prisoners to vote, during talks on Palestinian elections.

Maj. Gen. Danny Rothchild, the chief Israeli negotiator, told The Jerusalem Post by phone that the committee would be made up of three judges from each side.

They would discuss appeals by Palestinians who find they are not on the voting rolls and would handle other technical issues as they emerge. Israel also agreed to allow Palesti-

JON IMMANUEL

nian prisoners to vote, "except those who are under interrogation, and those who committed serious crimes against Israelis and are in imprisoned in Israel," he said.

Some 6,000 Palestinians are still in prison for security offenses, many of them members of Hamas.

Rothchild clarified that there was no Israeli ruling preventing a Hamas supporter from voting. However, a change had crept into

the formulation of the three conditions under which a Palestinian party could participate. Those who have "racist platforms," "call for Israel's destruction," or "continue to call for terror against Israel" would be barred, Rothchild said.

Lamia Lahoud adds:

Palestinian negotiator Hassan Asfour said the talks resumed in a "good and businesslike" atmosphere. He said Israelis wanted joint Palestinian and Israeli supervision of elections, but Palestinians first wanted early deployment of their police throughout the territories.

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## No special checks for Indian olim

BATSHEVA TSUR

IMMIGRANTS from India will not be subjected to special medical examinations despite the outbreak of pneumonic plague in that country, Acting Jewish Agency Chairman Yehiel Leket decided yesterday.

Leket said to do so would cast a stigma on the olim.

"They should be treated like any Israelis returning from India unless the Health Ministry gives different instructions," he said.

Health Ministry regulations stipulate that people arriving from India who feel ill within a week must report this to the authorities.

Leket said.

The names and addresses of people who arrive on flights from India are recorded so they can be contacted in case of problems, the agency spokesman said. In the past week, only one new immigrant arrived from India, he said, and she was not ordered to undergo special tests. Some two dozen immigrants from India are expected this month.

There are 5,000 Jews still living in India, most of them in Bombay, Leket noted. So far this year, 116 have made aliya, joining some 55,000 Indian Jews already here.

## Extended heat wave set to break by Thursday

DAVID RUDGE

THUNDERSTORMS swept the country yesterday, heralding a hoped-for break in the extended heat wave which set records for September and again this month.

The storms started in the south and gradually made their way northwards, bringing lightning, thunder and strong winds.

Police issued special warnings to motorists to take extra care on the roads because of the dangerous driving conditions. The meteorological services, which had forecast the storms, said cooler and more stable weather appeared to be on the way. Israel Vaishtenker, duty forecaster at the Beit Dagan weather bureau, said a general drop in temperatures and lower humidity along the coast was likely to be felt by Thursday.

This follows more than a month of unseasonably hot weather which has affected all parts of the country.

Vaishtenker said temperatures and humidity levels recorded for virtually throughout the whole of September through yesterday had been the highest, for such a sustained period, in the past 50 years.

For 28 of September's 30 days, temperatures in the central region have been three or four degrees centigrade above average. Along the coast the temperatures have been about two or three degrees above normal for the year, coupled with higher-than-average levels of humidity.

However, Vaishtenker said that despite an expected respite from the heat, there is no sign of the beginning of winter on the horizon.



Combat units with the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division arrive at Kuwait's military airport yesterday. (AP)

## Senator: US is hiding evidence of chemicals used in Gulf War

DANIEL WILLIAMS  
WASHINGTON

A SENATOR investigating the cause of mysterious ailments many US military veterans say they suffered after the Persian Gulf War Saturday accused the Defense Department of covering up evidence of the presence of chemical weapons in Kuwait during the conflict.

"To my mind there is no more serious crime than an official military cover-up of facts that could prevent more effective diagnosis and treatment of sick US veterans," Sen. Donald W. Riegle, D-Mich., said in a written statement.

Reports by British and American inspectors found chemical agents in Kuwait, he said, and a British soldier who came in contact with the material went into shock. Riegle said that when he asked the Pentagon to produce the British report, the department stalled and then gave him a report dated July 14, 1994, rather than the report he wanted, which was dated August 1991. The 1994 report said the substance that afflicted the British soldier was "fuming nitric acid," perhaps used to fuel rockets, and not a chemical weapons agent, Riegle said.

"This is an important example of a pattern of deliberate misrepresentation of the truth," Riegle said.

The Pentagon has long denied that chemical weapons were used or in place inside Kuwait, which American and allied troops liberated from the Iraqis. In the past, officials have argued that Kuwait was stocked with petrochemicals and that some of those containers might have been mistaken for chemical weapons storage tanks.

Saturday, Pentagon officials gave no response to Riegle's charges.

Scores of veterans and relatives of Gulf War

soldiers have reported an array of illnesses and several members of Congress have pressed for more aggressive investigation into the causes of those illnesses.

Symptoms included fatigue, skin rash, headache, joint pain, diarrhea and shortness of breath. The reports came mostly from reservists, although there were some from active duty troops.

In many cases, these common and largely subjective symptoms did not lead to a clear diagnosis. Nor was there any clear theory as to what caused the problems. Among the possibilities that have been listed are stress, burning oil wells, pesticides and rare infections. One theory is that some form of chemical or biological agent used by Iraq caused some cases of Gulf War Syndrome.

The US government is trying to show good faith to veterans and protect itself from massive financial liability until more is known about the causes of the syndrome, officials have said. But the Pentagon has said that no biological or chemical agents were used by Iraq.

Soldiers were prepared for such tactics by Iraq. "We're chemical and biological agents responsible," the Pentagon would have to deal with not only how well it prepared troops for the possibility of chemical warfare in the Gulf War but also how effective was the antichemical gear it provided soldiers.

The issue could come into sharper focus this week if US troops again clash with soldiers from Iraq. The United States Saturday sent

4,000 soldiers to Kuwait to counter an apparent move by Baghdad to increase its troop strength near the Kuwait border for no discernible reason.

According to documents obtained by The Washington Post, after the war was over and Iraqi troops had been driven from Kuwait, British troops found a storage tank outside a girl's high school in Kuwait that was apparently used as an Iraqi defensive position. Tests performed on Aug. 5, 1991, concluded that the storage tank contained mustard gas.

A US unit joined the inspection three days later, according to a report prepared in 1994 by a US officer identified as Michael F. Johnson. According to the document, Johnson witnessed an incident in which a British soldier dropped some of the liquid from the tank onto his left wrist. The British soldier went into shock and a large blister appeared on the wrist, according to Johnson's report.

The American troops ran their own tests, using sophisticated field equipment.

Johnson's report concludes flatly that, "Iraqi Blister and Phosgene agents were present in Kuwait," and he said he wonders why such a large container was left in the open. Johnson could not be reached for comment.

Johnson and other members of the inspection team were later awarded medals for "the positive identification for a suspected chemical agent," Riegle said in his statement.

Riegle reported that he sent Gulf War gas masks to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California to be tested for biological warfare agents. The tests were inconclusive, he said, and he called for further investigation.

(Washington Post)

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Dog seeking lost owner

Let the Animals Live is seeking the owner of a dog found last week in north Tel Aviv with Los Angeles dog license No. 1937. The name tag shows it belong to an Adams family, but there was no answer at their home in the US, according to group spokeswoman Etti Altman.

The dog, a male, medium-sized black labrador mix, was found with a similar-looking female puppy which has either adopted it on the street or wandered from the same address.

Anyone with information about the owners should call Let the Animals Live at 03-5445116 or 03-6046488.

#### Union head Ya'acov Onkovsky dies

Ya'acov Onkovsky, head of the social science academics' union, died yesterday at 49.

A Haifa native, he had previously been deputy director for organization and personnel in the Haifa District Attorney's Office and deputy director of personnel at Haifa University.

In 1975, he became head of the union's northern branch, and in 1983, he assumed the office he held until his death.

He is survived by a wife and three children.

#### Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the eight of spades, jack of hearts, seven of diamonds, and king of clubs.

## Tze'elim-2 verdict today

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE verdict in the Tze'elim-2 trial is to be handed down today by the General Staff Military Court.

Maj. K. and Capt. A. are on trial for negligently causing the death of five soldiers in the elite Sayeret Matkal unit during a 1992 training exercise in which a missile was misfired.

Top army brass are wondering what the judges will say about the roles of Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, who was in command of the exercise, and Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy, who attended and had approved the exercise.

For their involvement in the incident, a letter of reprimand was placed in Levine's personal file and Saguy received an administrative reprimand.

## Monarchists seek to save Britain's scandal-tainted royals

ANALYSIS  
RICHARD MEARES

ROYALISTS hope Queen Elizabeth's historic trip to Russia, which threw out its own intransigent imperial dynasty in 1917, will give her a timely reminder that her monarchy survived by changing with the times.

The palace may hope next week's royal trip to Russia, where the queen will meet leaders of a country which executed her royal relatives 76 years ago, will deflect attention from her troubles at home.

As her family lurches from one scandal to the next, mostly involving the private lives of Prince Charles and his estranged wife Diana, even loyal British followers are saying radical steps to salvage its image are now overdue.

The latest savaging of the royals, by a book claiming Diana slept with a young cavalry officer, has led devotees to join critics and demand that Charles get a speedy divorce, or even give up his right to the throne to save the dynasty.

The sugary prose of *Princess in Love* and its tawdry details of Di-

ana's supposed passionate encounters over five years with Major James Hewitt have nudged the House of Windsor one more step into the world of soap opera.

It has further eroded respect for a family which, under fire in the early 19th century, carved itself a role as the country's moral guardians and a happy, united symbol of the nation - an ideal proving impossible to live up to in the late 20th century.

"Royals made laughing stock," ran the front-page headline in the *Guardian* newspaper after the Hewitt book was published.

There are few taboos left today and tabloid newspapers show scant reverence for the members of an institution which they fawned on only a couple of decades ago.

The *Sun*, the cheekiest of them all, dressed Diana as a Thai kick-boxer on its front page, hitting a Hewitt-faced rant.

The queen, now 68, called 1992 her year of horrors - when the marriages of two of her sons

failed, her daughter Anne divorced, fire swept through Windsor Castle and discontent grew about the cost of the royal family.

But things have since gone from bad to worse, with Charles and Diana accused of waging a bitter media feud, the prince admitting adultery on prime-time television and his wife seen as top suspect in a phone-pest scandal.

With more books promising more humiliations soon, some royal watchers say the strategists at Buckingham Palace will have to rethink the monarchy's role, toning down its grandeur to save it from vanishing like imperial Russia's Romanovs.

Polls conducted after the publication show Britons, for decades among the most loyal subjects in the world, may be getting fed up with the monarchy.

The *Daily Mirror* asked some 8,000 people: "Do you think the

queen should be the final monarch?" Seventy-three percent said yes. But results are notoriously unreliable and in a rival poll 70 percent said Britain would be worse off without the royal family.

Equally worrying for the palace, keener to safeguard Charles's position as heir to the throne than to help his "outcast" wife, is that all polls show sympathy for Diana.

Most people blamed Charles for the break-up and considered Diana's alleged affair justifiable since he had confessed to cheating with a married woman.

Charles says he was only unfaithful once his marriage hit the rocks, but tabloid newspapers most Britons read accuse him of sleeping with Camilla Parker Bowles before and after he married Diana 13 years ago.

In a *Sun* poll, 65 percent of people still wanted Diana to be queen - but only half as many wanted Charles as king.

While many Britons profess to care less about royal infidelities than about the tax spent on keep-

ing them in their glamorous lifestyle, the Hewitt affair shows signs of becoming the crisis which could force the monarchy to change.

Public figures close to the royal family, who in recent years have blamed the media for the monarchy's woes and insisted press curbs would end the troubles, now concede the royal family must put its own house in order too.

Charles and Diana must divorce as soon as possible, they say, and serious thought should be given to skipping a generation and putting their son Prince William, now 12, on the throne when the queen eventually dies.

"The present temporary separation arrangement is not proving satisfactory," said Lord St John Fawcett, who is close to royal circles and previously rejected calls for divorce.

But the next royal book, reportedly full of gossip about the men Diana has recently turned to for comfort, is due out on November 8, just two weeks after the queen gets home. (Reuters)

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## US scientists win Nobel Prize in medicine

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Two Americans won the Nobel Prize in medicine yesterday for discovering an internal "switchboard" in cells that has helped scientists understand such killer diseases as diabetes and cholera.

Alfred G. Gilman and Martin Rodbell, who will split the \$930,000 prize, were the first to identify G-proteins and the role they play in letting cells react to signals from other cells, said a statement from the Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute.

"It is like a key component in a telephone switchboard," said Dr. Bertil Fredholm, a professor of pharmacology at the Karolinska Institute.

Considered a milestone in understanding diseases, the discovery had been "a complete surprise and it solved a number of problems," Fredholm said during a news conference.

Gilman, 53, currently works in the department of pharmacology at the University of Texas, in Dallas.

Rodbell, 68, works at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, in North Carolina, the statement said.

The men worked separately from the late 1960s into the mid-1980s. Their research hasn't netted any treatments yet for the diseases. But the institute predicted ultimately it will.

Reached at his home in the United States, Gilman said he was "awestruck."

"I'm more excited than I've ever been," he said.

The discovery was of "paramount importance," the statement said, and helped others study the way cells handle information they receive from each other.

They found that once cells have received chemical signals by

means of surface proteins called receptors, G-proteins transmit and modify these signals within the cells.

Problems with G-proteins — too many or too few of them — can lead to diseases. The name G-protein was chosen because it "binds" guanosine triphosphate, or GTP.

Their discovery led scientists to find G-protein problems in many diseases. In cholera, for example, scientists found that the toxic bacteria alter the G-protein, turning it into something like a "green light" in a cell, allowing constant dehydration.

"This prevents salt and water from being normally absorbed from the intestines. The resulting loss of water and salt can lead to dehydration and death," the statement said.

The "altered signaling" in cells also has been found in people with diabetes, alcoholism, some tumors and skeletal deformations, the statement said.

"Due to the discoveries of Gilman and Rodbell, and their work, several laboratories turned to (research in this) area," the statement said.

Rodbell launched the research into G-proteins with a set of pioneering experiments between 1969 and 1971 at the National Institutes of Health.

Gilman picked up the research in 1975 while at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville and had been working on the problem as late as 1985.

Nobel officials said both scientists plan to come to Stockholm to receive the award on Dec. 10, the same day that other awards are handed out.

The prize — formally honoring research in medicine and physiology — is given by the Karolinska Institute to scientists whom it feels have most benefited humankind.

## Vranitzky to head Austrian caretaker gov't

VIENNA (Reuters) — Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, smarting from large-scale voter defections to the far right, is expected to resign today and head a caretaker government until a new coalition is formed.

President Thomas Klestil said he would accept resignations from Vranitzky and leading members of Austria's two-party coalition of Social Democrats and conservatives following their final cabinet meeting, his spokesman said.

Ministers were due to walk across Vienna's Ballhausplatz from the chancellery to the presidency today and emerge as a caretaker administration.

Klestil would then begin a series of consultations with party leaders leading to formation of a new government.

Sunday's general election saw both main parties record their worst showing since 1945, while the far-right Freedom Party made dramatic gains and smaller opposition parties also advanced.

A despondent Vranitzky told a news conference yesterday he had considered resigning as head of the Social Democrats, which would have meant his total withdrawal from front-line politics, but added that colleagues "unanimously talked me out of it."

He said he would lead a top-to-bottom overhaul of his party, which he admitted had made serious mistakes in its reading of the Austrian mood.

With their two-thirds parliamentary majority blasted away in an explosion of voter protest, the cozy postwar era of grand coalition politics was over, analysts said.

Vranitzky was widely expected to resume the chancellorship after a period of consultation which could take days. But some wondered how long such a government would last.

The Freedom Party of populist Jörg Haider did most of the damage to the Social Democrats' People's Party coalition, taking 22.6 percent of the vote to become the strongest far-right party in Western Europe.

Haider, who blames foreigners for a rise in crime and demands an immediate end to immigration, boasted he would be "ready to take responsibility for all of Austria in 1998."

But commentators saw no immediate risk in his rise.

"Austria today sees an entirely new political landscape, and that's no bad thing...neither is it a danger to democracy," said the daily *Salzburger Nachrichten*.

## Third man emerges at center of cult death mystery

GENEVA (Reuters) — An elegant, elderly third man emerged yesterday as a central figure and perhaps the "money man" in the sun cult mass death mystery that has taken the lives of at least 53 people in Switzerland and Canada.

As the drama took on increasingly international proportions, with police in Australia and France launching their own inquiries, Swiss investigators were reported keen to find senior cult member Camille Pilet.

Pilet, a 68-year-old former sales executive for a leading Swiss watch firm, was last seen with the two leaders of the Order of the Solar Temple, Joseph Di Mambro and Luc Jouret, the weekend before the bodies were found.

The short, gold-speckled Pilet signed the bill on his credit card after the three men and several other apparent cult members spent a long evening in a private room at a hotel on September 30,

five days before the tragedy. Swiss newspaper and television reports have suggested that the meeting — half-way between the two Swiss villages where a total of 48 people were found dead last Wednesday — may have been called to organize the affair.

The reports say Pilet has been sighted with the two cult chiefs several other times recently.

He bought one of the chalets in the hamlet of Granges where 25 people died from Di Mambro only days before it burned down.

The owner of another restaurant west of Geneva said she had heard Pilet on the telephone there on September 21 speaking proudly of organizing an expensive installation of "mirrors everywhere."

The hidden basement cult temple near the farming village of Cheiry where 23 bodies were found — 19 laid out in a sun-shaped circle — had huge mirrors all round the walls.



Raoul Cedras (left) salutes the national flag alongside US Army Lt. Gen. Hugh Shelton, during the ceremony in Port-au-Prince yesterday in which the Haitian leader stepped down. (AP)

## Cedras resigns, says he will leave Haiti

HAITIAN military leader Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras resigned yesterday and said he would leave the country.

The general who for three years thumbed his nose at international pressure to restore democracy has quit to pave the way for the return of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the man he toppled in a bloody 1991 coup.

"I have decided to leave our country so that my presence will not be a motive to create terror," Cedras said. "The future may seem dark to you but I am sure at the end of the tunnel a country will be waiting for that will be solid and prosperous and you will have a life that is livable."

In a brief ceremony outside army headquarters, an unnamed Cedras handed over control of the Haitian military to the army's No. 2 commander, Maj. Gen. Jean-Claude Duperval.

"This is a symbol of our army to my successor," Cedras said. "This will signify for you the transmission from the present and the future. Our army that was formed with slaves and that had created a country of which Haiti was given."

A surging crowd of more than 1,000 people cheered and chanted "Aristide or death!" as two American military helicopters hovered overhead.

"Wherever I will be I will be suffering when you are suffering; I will be happy when you are

happy," Cedras said. He saluted stiffly before leaving the podium.

Senior Haitian officers in khaki uniforms watched from the second-floor balcony of the yellow-trimmed white building. The Haitian officers were accompanied by US military officers.

"Hoodlums, hoodlums!" the crowd cried as Cedras arrived in a motorcade for the ceremony. The chants of the crowd drowned out his speech.

The crowd also launched into "Auld Lang Syne" to usher out the military regime.

Two bursts of automatic weapons fire rang out from a convoy escorting resigned Haitian military ruler Lieutenant General Raoul Cedras from military headquarters through an angry crowd.

It was not clear whether American or Haitian troops following the convoy fired the shots. Hundreds of Haitians immediately dropped to the pavement but there were no apparent injuries.

The crowd had surged around the convoy carrying Cedras and his wife. Before it sped out of sight, the angry crowd chased Cedras and his party away, pounding on his vehicle doors and windows.

Cedras, who along with Brig. Gen. Philippe Biamby and police chief Michel Francois, ousted Aristide, had earlier vowed to remain in the country.

But US officials say that Cedras will leave Haiti soon, saying that his presence in the country would present security and political problems to Aristide and the US troops here to restore the elected government.

It was not immediately clear when Cedras was planning to leave Haiti. US officials have indicated that it will be within days.

US Embassy spokesman Stanley Schraeger said yesterday that among the countries that could take in Cedras would be Panama, Spain, Argentina or Venezuela.

He also said he could not rule out the possibility of the United States as a future home for Cedras. The spokesman said the United States did not have any indication of when or even whether Biamby would leave Haiti.

Three years ago, Lt. Gen. Cedras led a military coup to oust Aristide, Haiti's first freely elected president.

One of the three junta leaders, Francois, fled last week to the neighboring Dominican Republic and took up residence in a Santo Domingo suburb with his family.

Defense Secretary William Perry told AP Network News yesterday that he expected Cedras to leave Haiti a day or two after resigning.

## 52 nations to determine CSCE's post-cold war role

BUDAPEST (AP) — During the Cold War, things were simple. There was East and there was West. And there was one forum that bridged the Iron Curtain and forced consensus on issues vital to Europe's stability.

Founded on basic principles of human rights and a common interest in military security, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, or CSCE, helped erode the East-West divide.

Five years after the Berlin Wall fell, that role is history. The organization must find new purpose in a Europe overshadowed by current and potential ethnic conflicts that threaten stability.

The search for the new role began yesterday when diplomats from 52 nations gathered for a conference supposed to culminate in a December summit attended by President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

When the CSCE was formed in 1975, "the situation was very much different than today," said Hungarian Foreign Minister Laszlo Kovacs, whose country will chair the Budapest meeting. "It's role was to give a framework — set rules — for the opposing blocs."

It played a historic role in the changes in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, Kovacs said.

"Now the situation is different because there are no opposing blocs... but new security risks."

These include nationalism, minority rights, economic crises and social tensions, and the danger of "autocratic tendencies" in some East European countries.

"The CSCE has to find its role and its means in the new security architecture in Europe," Kovacs added.

He insisted that no other European organization can do this, because NATO and the European Union, among others, are designed to defend Western interests.

Whether or not the CSCE again becomes an important institution may rest on remaining differences between East and West.

Russia wants to strengthen the role of CSCE, because it is the only forum dealing with European security on the continent in which Moscow has a voice.

In the CSCE, Russia and the myriad states that emerged from the breakup of the Soviet Union and old Yugoslavia have an equal say with the mighty United States, Germany, France and Britain.

The West, fearing too much Russian influence, has thus sought to keep the CSCE in the background, preferring to offer limited cooperation to Eastern European countries of its choice through programs such as NATO's Partnership for Peace and the European Union's association agreements.

East European countries are eager to join those exclusive Western clubs partly as a security guarantee against Russia.

Kovacs said he understood both sides' concerns and hoped Hungary, which assumes chairmanship of the CSCE from Italy, can help "combine the two approaches" and again make the group influential in Europe.

MADRAS (AP) — A top Hindu politician was hacked to death yesterday in a southern state and communal clashes broke out in many towns as the party activists attacked Moslem businesses, police said.

Five persons whipped out knives and machetes and attacked K. Rajagopalan, the leader of the Hindu Front, as he led the visitors into his house in Madurai, 500 km south of state capital Madras.

The politician died on the spot after he was stabbed 15 times in the back, police in Tamil Nadu state said. The assailants fled after threatening others in the house in Madurai, 500 km south of state capital Madras.

The reason for the attack was not immediately known, but police said it may have been linked to the Hindu-Muslim clashes in the neighboring state of Karnataka, where at least 25 people have been killed in four days of communal violence.

The Hindu Front is an ally of the nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, which is the main opposition in Parliament. The Bharatiya Janata had backed Hindu zealots who tore down the Babri Mosque in Ayodhya in 1992, which led to nationwide communal riots.

Across Tamil Nadu, Hindu Front activists ordered shops to shut down and some of them assaulted Moslem businessmen in many towns, police said.

The government ordered police to be on full alert. Dozens of policemen patrolled the empty streets of Madras.

In Karnataka state, language

## Major's Tories tempted to move right

BOURNEMOUTH (Reuters) — British Prime Minister John Major faced a fight yesterday to steady nerves in his Conservative Party as allegations about Margaret Thatcher's son threatened to worsen its already tattered image.

For the second year running the annual conference of the ruling Conservatives, deeply unpopular among disenchanted voters, is in danger of being hijacked by Major's predecessor.

Last year Thatcher's long-awaited biography dominated events but she will be as dismayed as Conservative ministers that this year stories about her son, Mark, dominate events before the conference in the southern English resort of Bournemouth.

The bad luck which has dogged Major for much of his premiership continued this weekend with newspaper claims that Mark Thatcher won 12 million pounds (\$19.02 million) in commission from a huge arms deal signed by his mother.

Major was already facing a problem of how to match the performance of Labor leader Tony Blair who scored a qualified triumph in his efforts to jettison socialist dogma and lead his party to the centre-ground at last week's Labor conference.

Major faces calls from a section of his party to counter Blair with huge tax cuts and a more anti-European stance. But many supporters believe he must resist this advice to retain any hope of a fifth Conservative election victory in a row.

But his biggest immediate problem lies with allegations in the *Sunday Times* that Mark Thatcher acted as a middleman in the \$32 billion Al-Yamamah sale of British arms to Saudi Arabia in the mid-1980s when his mother, now Lady Thatcher, was prime minister.

Labor Trade and Industry spokesman Robin Cook demanded an official investigation, saying Lady Thatcher stood accused of allowing Mark to use her position "to feather his own nest with the biggest hand-out on record."

The controversy is the latest of a series of sexual and financial scandals to hit the ruling party, fuelling claims by its opponents that after 15 years of office it has lost sight of the distinction between its own interests and the country's.

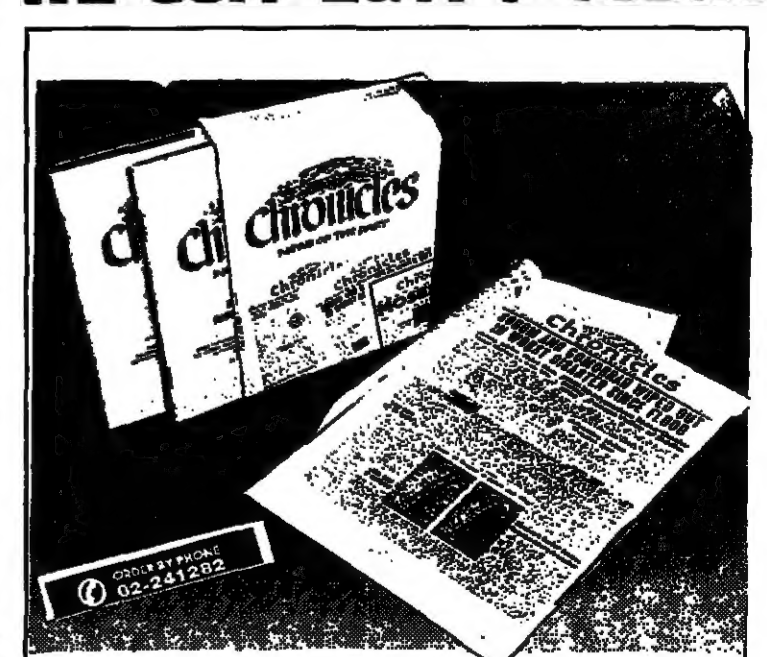
A poll in yesterday's *Daily Telegraph* showed 61 percent of those interviewed agreed the Conservatives gave the impression of being "very sleazy and disreputable," with only 18 percent having a similar perception of Labor.

The pro-Conservative paper commented: "In the eyes of the electorate, this government is morally tarnished. It will not be easy for the Tories (Conservatives) to wipe away the stains."

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## The Hamas role

PERHAPS the most frightening aspect of the murderous spree by Palestinian terrorists is the government's insistence on giving them a twisted interpretation. Until recently, this was true of Hizbullah attacks in Lebanon. The government would persistently blame Hizbullah actions on Iran, or portray the group as uncontrollable, independent fanatics.

Only in recent months have some government officials and army officers admitted that Hizbullah operations are approved by Syria, without whose help and support the organization could not exist. Ironically, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara as much as confirmed Syria's control of the Hizbullah in his interview with Israel Television. The only thing the government is still reluctant to admit publicly is that Hizbullah operations abroad, like the bombing of the Jewish Center in Buenos Aires, were mounted with Syrian help.

The reason for declining to associate Syria with acts of violence is plain enough: It is difficult to persuade Israelis that those who are killing them are trustworthy "partners" in the peace process.

Not surprisingly, the government is even more eager to separate the perpetrators of terrorist acts in Israel and the administered territories from the PLO. Here the process has advanced significantly: An agreement has been signed which entails ceding control over Judea and Samaria to the PLO. And if the PLO is still bent on continuing the "armed struggle," Israelis may view an arrangement which allows enemy troops to be deployed on the doorstep of Israel's population centers as reckless if not suicidal.

In its eagerness to separate the terrorists from the PLO, the government keeps pointing to those who all-too-happily assume responsibility for the killings. They are Islamic fanatics who hate the peace agreement with the Zionist enemy, say government spokesmen, and they thrive on poverty and hardship (which is why the PLO must be helped to bring prosperity to the self-rule areas).

The PLO, on the other hand, has made a commitment to peace, says the government. If it has not shown any enthusiasm about fighting the Hamas, it is because it still lacks the means with which to do battle. But the Hamas is as much the PLO's enemy as it is Israel's. Fundamentalism, after all, threatens all the region's established regimes. And once the PLO acquires the proper means, it will do what is right, and collaborate with Israel in eradicating the extremist terrorists.

One need not be a great expert on Palestinian society to know how utterly delusional this analysis is. Of course, civilized PLO spokesmen like Ahmed Tibi and Nabil Shaath are quick to condemn terrorist acts like Sunday night's attempted slaughter of passersby in Jerusalem's Nahalat Shiva pedestrian mall (which only miraculously

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ended with only two dead victims.) But the fact is that 70 Jews and innumerable Arabs have been killed by Palestinian terrorists since the signing of the Oslo agreement, and Yasser Arafat himself has never openly, personally condemned a single killing. To say, as Tourism Minister Uzi Baram said yesterday, that with 10,000 armed men - all acting in the name of the Palestinian Authority, not the hated "occupation army" - he does not have the means to fight terrorism is an insult to the intelligence.

That Arafat has not been able to apprehend and punish a single terrorist since he established his rule in Gaza and Jericho speaks for itself. His police know who the wanted terrorists are, and they know where they are. The reason they have done nothing against these terrorists is as simple as it is obvious: They have been ordered to leave them alone.

Much has been made of the possibility that one of Sunday night's killers was a soldier in that army euphemistically known as the Palestinian Police. But it would be a mistake to suggest that whether or not he had actually worn a Palestinian uniform makes a difference. The sympathy of this whole army is with the terrorists. Many of the policemen openly support Hamas, and even participate in their demonstrations.

Nor is this true only of the PLO troops. A PLO newspaper in English published in Jerusalem by "moderate" Hanna Siminora eulogizes all Hamas murderers killed in self-defense by Israelis, and even those killed by accident by their own bombs, as "martyrs" of the Palestinian struggle. Only the "condemnation" of terrorist acts.

The most common excuse the government makes for Arafat's unwillingness to combat terrorism is that he may be assassinated. The Syrian foreign minister also said last week that Assad cannot appear to be too eager to make peace because he may meet Anwar Sadat's fate. Such reasoning is nothing short of absurd. If the present leaders so fear assassination that they cannot act, the whole peace process is meaningless. If the forces opposed to it are powerful enough to dictate its nature with threats, surely they can void it with action.

It is time for the government, which has finally understood the workings of the Hizbullah, to recognize the structure of Palestinian terrorism. The Hamas can no more operate without PLO approval than the Hizbullah can attack Israeli positions without Syrian consent. In both cases, the "fanatics" kill while the "moderates" negotiate. The killing serves as a threat and a reminder: Unless Israel withdraws, there will be more deaths. And once Israel yields to this kind of blackmail, there will be no end to it.



## Reckless rush to 'peace'

I used to believe that politicians, who will stoop to any kind of hypocrisy, would stop short when it came to the safety of Israelis and the existence of the state. But I was wrong.

"Only a political solution will end Palestinian terrorism," trumpeted the politicians, and IDF commanders, many of whom have lost the war on terrorism, echoed their slogan. It was a war that for seven years they were never required to win. Cynically, the government directed things so that there was no possible solution but surrender.

There already is "a political solution," yet terrorism is still on the rise, the number of Jewish victims is growing, and the trumpeting of slogans has died away.

Sunday night's terrible incident in the heart of Jerusalem only shows how serious the situation has become and how our leaders have erred in evaluating the situation. It exposes the dangerous way in which the politicians are using the IDF top brass for their own ends, virtually ignoring the need to protect Israeli lives.

But wait. The politicians' trumpets are sounding again: "Only a political solution will halt Hizbullah terrorism in Lebanon. Only through that, and by an agreement with Syria - which means quitting the Golan - can we prevent casualties in Lebanon." The army leaders nod their heads sadly in forced agreement.

"Then I'll be able to look mothers in the eye, and our soldiers, too," adds the prime minister.

But the politicians have forgotten to remind the nation, the soldiers' parents and the valiant soldiers and their commanders of one thing: that, being politicians, they aren't allowing the IDF and its Northern Command to take the necessary action against Hizbullah and other terror groups in South Lebanon. The politicians are tying the army's hands, forcing it to sit back in passive defense.

"You mustn't violate the 'understandings' with the Syrians," the political echelon preaches to the IDF. And "the terrorists haven't deviated from the understandings reached after Operation Accountability," the politicians declare with satisfaction, whenever there's an attack in South Lebanon and it doesn't spill over into the security zone. They're allowed

### ARIEL SHARON

to strike there, under the agreement. It's like a game, with medieval knights tilting against each other.

"You can't go any further; it might upset the political process with Syria," warn the bright sparks in the Foreign Ministry, who've never seen war. And, with the IDF restricted to mere reaction, our casualties mount.

THIS SITUATION, created by the government, allows it to turn to the nation and ask each parent: "Which would you prefer: a son attacked in Lebanon, or an agreement with Syria which means quitting the Golan?" A cruel, ugly

### The premier weaves dangerous stories and strokes his ego, while terror mounts

choice, indeed. But good ground-work for a referendum.

And instead of telling the Syrian leader, "Don't count on exploiting Israel's internal debate, don't even think of attacking us," as any responsible head of government would, our elected premier turns to his compatriots and threatens them with war in five to seven years unless there's an agreement, and quick. This forecast has no basis in intelligence. And if there is such a danger of war with Israel on the Heights, with their massive defenses, one may imagine our situation once we retreat again to territory below the Syrians.

But the prime minister feels that the nation, which cherishes the Golan, is unconvinced. So a new story must be woven.

An old friend whispers to me: "Have you heard? The premier told a closed circle that only peace with Syria can contain the danger from a nuclearized Iran. We must get a move on. The danger from Iraq is growing too, and if the UN's inspection there stops, Saddam will also have nuclear weapons." Added his wife quickly, "Rabin also said that Iran would send weapons to Hizbullah - and then what will become of us?"

Sighing, they continued: "There's nothing we can do. We have no choice. We must give in to the Arabs." When they saw the look of astonishment on my face, they added: "What - you think Rabin doesn't understand the real situation?"

That reference to Iran and Iraq needs clarification. The truth is that, with his declarations, the premier is actually bringing the Iraqi and Iranian danger closer.

Iran is making vast efforts to rearm, particularly with nuclear weapons. Intelligence services worldwide believe that it may possess such weapons by the year 2004, perhaps earlier. If it continues at its current pace, it will have reached the point of no return in three or four years, and the process will roll ahead.

There is no chance at all that signing peace treaties with our immediate neighbors will stop the Iranian and Iraqi nuclear arms race. There is no negotiating with them. The only thing that could contain the Iranian danger is an international coalition, including the US, Europe, the CIS and, most important, China. A coalition like that could exert economic and political pressure on Iran.

But Europe is selling Iran goods to the tune of \$25 billion a year, and so hasn't much interest in intervening. And if, in this situation, the premier of Israel, the country most threatened by Iranian nuclear arms, gets up and says, "Peace agreements with the Palestinians and our other neighbors can reduce the Iranian danger," other countries will simply sigh with relief and put off any action.

"If Israel has a solution," they will say, "why should we rush? We have enough problems of our own." And all that goes for Iraq too.

Rabin does understand the situation. But he's in a hurry. He wants to close the historical circle, and can't accept the fact that there isn't any connection between national historical circles and the circle of individual lives.

Perhaps the best peace will be achieved only after the Rabin era. But leaders have to learn to be bigger than their egos, no matter how difficult this may be.

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## Imported flowers

GALIA GOLAN

We can't have it both ways. We can't claim to be the state of the Jewish people, a refuge and a home for Jews, encouraging and welcoming aliyah - which is codified in our Law of Return - and then seek to weed out those who may be a burden to us.

It is true that massive immigration from any country places a serious strain on the economy and services of a small country like Israel.

This was a problem in the early years of the state with the massive immigration from North Africa, and it has been a problem with the recent massive immigration from the former Soviet Union.

In both cases, these were immigrants that we sought, labored for, and, in many instances, the immigrants themselves suffered for. This was - is - the ingathering of the Jews for which the state was founded. That is, the idea that Jews, anywhere, have the right to self-determination in their own state.

And just what constitutes a burden?

Historically, it has taken very few years for even massive immigrations to be absorbed, for jobs and housing to be found, for lan-

### Yes, there are immigrant problems. But Nami's solution is wrong

guage to be acquired and adaptation achieved.

Large immigrations ultimately bring about an expansion of the economy and strengthen the country in ways which clearly render them a benefit and contribution to the future of Israel - contributions which in time far outweigh the initial strain.

This immigration from the former Soviet Union contains a high percentage of skilled, educated and talented individuals. Like many immigrants before them, they are willing to make sacrifices, work in menial positions and "make do." They will surely prove to be one of the best things that ever happened to Israel.

And what criteria are used to determine who is a burden?

The figures provided by Labor and Welfare Minister Ora Namir regarding the "burden" of this immigration are, apparently, incorrect. According to the minister of absorption, only 15 percent of the immigrants are elderly, 10 percent constitute one-parent families, and even fewer are disabled.

And who is to say that such people are a burden, that they can contribute nothing, that they have no place in our society and no right to assistance?

And why pick on these categories over others? There were times when one heard the complaint that Americans send only their problem children to Israel. To this day, the kibbutzim must deal with this "burden" often placed upon them by Zionist parents in the US.

And what about the immigrant (and non-immigrant, native) Jews in our yeshivot, who enjoy government subsidies and services, leave the country and often return only to vote, without shouldering the responsibilities borne by most citizens?

Ora Namir is an excellent government minister, one known for her diligence and dedication. It was undoubtedly frustration at being unable to resolve the many difficulties of seeing to the rights and needs of all sectors of this society, and providing jobs and welfare for them, that prompted the minister to make her extraordinary proposal regarding "selective" immigration.

Problems do exist, but her solution is wrong. It is up to the country, the people as well as the government, to make the effort and meet the challenge of jobs, housing and welfare for immigrants. It's part of what being the state of the Jewish people is all about.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PROPOSED COALITION AGREEMENT WITH SHAS

Sir, - Recent press coverage of the coalition agreement with Shas which was initiated by Prime Minister Rabin all but ignores several critical elements. While emphasis has been placed on Meretz's objections to the various conditions to Shas in the agreement, the press has ignored the fact that the agreement has yet to be approved by the official bodies of the Labor party. The various provisions in the agreement which would give religious legislation and custom a quasi-constitutional status are in direct conflict with relevant sections of the Labor party platform.

While the press has focused on the political infighting surrounding the coalition agreement, it has neglected the serious ramifications behind it. No one questions the importance of peace; but we must remember that life will go on after peace is achieved. The agreement Rabin signed with Shas would effectively mean that basic civil rights would be harmed. The chief victims of the agreement would be the women of Israel since the agreement would put an end to possi-

ble reforms in marriage and divorce and to a woman's right over her body, and could undermine other important achievements for women reached through the courts, such as women's representation in religious bodies and other areas of public life.

The issues affected by the coalition agreement are not fringe issues affecting a minority. If the agreement is ratified and put into effect it will change all of our daily lives, for both men and women in Israel. We appeal to the public at all parts of the political spectrum to let their representatives in the government know that the democratic and pluralistic nature of the country must be maintained. If we ignore the implications of the agreement and allow Shas to define the Jewish character of the state, we will all suffer the consequences for years to come.

MIRIAM ISSEROW,  
Advocacy Coordinator,  
Israel Women's Network  
Jerusalem.

### DOUBTFUL PEACE

Sir, - Do Messrs. Rabin and Peres honestly believe that, by caving in to Mr. Assad's dictat, they are safeguarding Israel's interests? Their action is reminiscent of that of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister who, in the autumn of 1938, on returning from Munich where he had met with Hitler and Mussolini, declared that he had brought back "peace in our time." How long did that so-called peace last? Less than a year.

Our border with Syria has been quiet during the last 21 years, precisely because our troops are stationed on the Golan. (It is worth remembering that the Golan was once inhabited by

Jews, as is proved by the many synagogues discovered in archeological digs.) If Israel accepts to go back to the borders that existed between 1949 and 1967 - six meters from the eastern shore of Lake Kinneret, with Syrian soldiers perched on the Golan Heights, overlooking the Kinneret and the Hula valley - would this mean a lasting peace? Sooner or later the Syrians would again attack Israel, to gain the lands they call "Southern Syria," and we would find ourselves embroiled in yet another war, under extremely difficult conditions.

MARCELLA SEGRE  
Jerusalem.

### THE PEACE PROCESS

Sir, - As the national debate on the future of the Golan heats up, opponents of the peace process are claiming that the Golan is strategically indispensable.

However, in the long term, Syria could develop chemical, biological or nuclear weapons, or could invest heavily in conventional weapons. What security would then be provided

by the Golan?

The only true security can be achieved through strong social, diplomatic and commercial ties. It is incumbent upon each of us to support the peace process and actively find ways of fostering such ties.

DR. ZE'EV C. BRIRISH  
Jerusalem.

### THE PRICE OF AGGRESSION

Sir, - President Assad of Syria claims that if Israel fails to evacuate every centimeter of the Golan, it will bear responsibility for the "consequences."

I too am an adherent to the doctrine of "no territorial aggrandizement through aggression," but when a nation has committed aggression not once but three times, on each occasion with the avowed objective of destroying Israel, I believe that the aggressor has to pay a price. Quite apart from our security needs, any aggressor anywhere in the world should be made aware before embarking on a martial adventure that there is a price to be paid.

It is up to our government to rebut Assad's bluffs with equal firmness and make it quite clear to him that he has to pay the price of his aggression.

SID COOPER

Hod Hasharon.

### "EYE ON THE MEDIA"

Sir, - David Bar-Ilan should have no words about running out of material for his Eye on the Media column. Even in south Florida, with a sizable Jewish community, I never find anything positive regarding Israel in *The Miami Herald*, the largest paper in this area.

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## Charity begins at home

### DANNY BEN-MOSHE

IT is well-known that Hamas nurtures support in the Palestinian community by offering financial help to families in need. By extending its control to hospitals and welfare institutions, the fundamentalist Islamic group is able to expand its sphere of influence.

A large share of the funds distributed is raised in the West, for putatively charitable purposes. But a questionnaire found in the possession of a Hamas member provides detailed insight into how Hamas manipulates charity work to serve the needs of violence.

Sunday night provided an example of Hamas's modus operandi, when two Hamas men armed with automatic rifles and grenades opened fire in a crowded pub and cafe area in downtown Jerusalem, killing two Israelis (one an Israeli Arab) and wounding 13 others, four seriously. "Our bold military operations will not cease as long as there is an Israeli soldier left on our occupied land," said a Hamas leaflet sent to news agencies yesterday.

The questionnaire found on the Hamas member was prepared by the Hamas-controlled Zakat committees. These are welfare organizations found in towns and villages throughout the territories.

A Palestinian seeking welfare assistance such as medical aid or support for a child at school applies to a local Zakat committee and is handed the questionnaire, which then forms the basis for consideration of his request.

Section A of the 30-point document is innocent enough: name, age, number of children, occupation, education, medical history. But the 28 questions of Section B are in no way connected to the welfare applicant's needs. Instead, they probe his character and ideology.

Question four asks: "Is the applicant courageous?" Question five: "Is the applicant noble?" Question seven: "What is the applicant's relationship with his Muslim brothers?" Question eight: "Is the applicant discreet and loyal?"

Thirteen questions into this section, all attempt at subtlety has gone. Hamas asks the applicant about "the extent of his participation in Hamas activities," following this with a question about "the applicant's willingness to be a martyr in the name of the cause of jihad."

Slowly but clearly, the motives behind this welfare begin to emerge.

Question 16: "Has the applicant ever been arrested?" Question 17: "Did he confess?" Question 18

### Hamas's idea of welfare: aiding needy Palestinians, then recruiting them to kill

asks about "the extent of his confession."

After asking about the applicant's "devotion to missions," the final two questions are blatant enquiries into the applicant's suitability for Hamas terrorist attacks.

Question 27 asks: "Does the applicant have the ability to penetrate other organizations/streams/collaborators?" And finally, in Question 28: "Does the applicant's physical appearance allow him to pass as a foreigner?"

Hamas is challenging the PLO as philanthropist to needy Pales-

tinians, testing their ideological correctness at the same time. Through manipulation and control of welfare committees, it has found a way to recruit volunteers for its murderous missions.

Hamas funds come from three main sources: a UK-based fund for assisting Palestinians in Lebanon; the Holy Land Fund in America; and a fund in Saudi Arabia.

Western governments permit these funds to be raised for charitable purposes. But, as the Zakat questionnaire demonstrates, Hamas's idea of charity is hardly the conventional, Western one.

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## POSTSCRIPT

SO WHAT do you think O.J. Simpson has been doing lately? Well, his life is in ruins, but at least he's keeping busy making a small fortune - by capitalizing on his own misfortune.

Simpson became involved in a line cottage industry from his cell, autographing a specially-created series of O.J. Simpson trading cards. While awaiting trial for murder, he signed 300 numbered cards for a Washington State dealer, and another 2,500 cards for a trading-card company.

The Washington cards were dated by Simpson and numbered by his agent.

Both sets of cards display two photographs of Simpson, one during his college days, the other while he played for the Buffalo Bills.

Simpson was rumored to be earning at least \$200 per signature, which is more than other inmates make by producing license plates.

A WOMAN killed a mountain lion with a kitchen knife after the 27-kilo animal attacked a group of campers in Dos Rios, California, and bit off her husband's thumb.

"I had a hell of a time getting the knife through its skin," said Robin Winslow, 48. "It's tough, like shark."

The Winslows and another couple were sleeping in a meadow outside their remote Northern California cabin when they were awakened by a scuffle between their collie and the lion.

After the four built a campfire in hopes of scaring the animal away, it charged out from under the cabin and attacked Kathleen Strehl.

The two men wrestled the mountain lion off her and held it down while Robin Winslow stabbed it in the stomach with the double-pronged, 30-cm serrated knife.

Troy Winslow's thumb was bitten off and Strehl suffered a gash. Mrs. Winslow was unharmed.



# Suzanne Dellal celebrates five years of devotion to dance

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

NOT so long ago, Neveh Zedek — the old neighborhood on the border between Tel Aviv and Jaffa — was best known for sand and drugs.

Today, five years after the establishment there of the Suzanne Dellal Center, one of the country's most attractive performing arts centers, Neveh Zedek is a place to see and be seen.

The center — with three major halls, studios and spacious, attractive courtyards — is an ideal home for theater, music and, above all, dance.

"I had a vision that this would be a thriving, sizzling place. And in more than one way, this vision has come true," says center general manager Yair Vardi, 41, a former dancer with Batsheva and foreign companies.

These were five very interesting and exciting years. And I want to believe they were five good years, but this is for others to tell me," he says.

The jury is still out, but some observers say quality has often been sacrificed at the altar of quantity.

Other issues facing the center are competition from the soon-to-be-opened Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, and the fact that Suzanne Dellal does not have an in-house company of its own.

Meanwhile, Vardi sees himself as an active caretaker for this country's dance future. "We provide an organizational umbrella for all dancers and choreographers," he says. "It's up to them to come up with the goods."

They have. Vardi, with the active help of the dance department at the city arts department, has created a variety of year-round events that follow young choreographers' progress.

From *Gvanim Bamahol* (Shades of Dance) to *Haramat Masach* (Lifting the Curtain), from premieres to performances by the established Batsheva Dance Company, Suzanne Dellal has become a kind of national center for dance.

In fact, says Vardi, "dance is the only art form that has its own obvious identifiable center in Israel."

Performance is only one part of the equation.

"This is where dancers can work. We give them opportunities to work and perform which they never had before. Suddenly, things are happening on the local dance scene that never happened before," he says.

Noa Wertheim and Adi Sha'al, better known as Vertigo, an energetic Jerusalem dance duo, agree. "We would have loved to dance more in Jerusalem, but there is

nowhere to do so," Wertheim says. "And there is a great dance audience in Suzanne Dellal."

But as much as the dancers themselves cherish the opportunities provided by the center, there is ongoing dissatisfaction concerning the quality of work there.

Vardi is aware of the criticism, but qualifies it. "Yes, not everything done here is really great. But we will have quality only after we nurture quantity. It's not easy and, don't forget, it's also very subjective."

"But I'm not an artistic director of a specific company. I'm a general manager of a center that presents dance by various companies and individuals," he says.

Vardi believes that since the center's inauguration "there has been an enormous improvement in the quality of dance in Israel."

However, he canceled last year's *Shades of Dance* festival because there weren't enough top-quality works.

"People forget that I did the same two years ago as well. Maybe it's more appropriate to do this every other year. But you see that I'm also concerned about quality as well."

Some of the works that were premiered in *Shades of Dance* through the years are still being performed here and abroad. That, Vardi says, is most important of all.

Vardi knows exactly what his priorities are for the next five years at Suzanne Dellal: "I want to preserve what we did here and search for new ways to present dance and help choreographers."

He is not worried at all that a new, much bigger space is opening this month in Tel Aviv and does not see any competition.

"The Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center is a different space altogether. We could have never brought the Frankfurt Ballet, for example, to Suzanne Dellal — we don't have a big enough hall for such a company."

"But I believe there will be ways in which we will collaborate with the new hall. They will present dance and the artists coming might give some workshops at the center. That would be ideal."

The Batsheva Dance Company will be performing at the new center as well. But Vardi does not fear they will leave Suzanne Dellal.

Ohad Naharin, Batsheva artistic director, always wanted a bigger stage to perform on. "But we will always do many evenings at Suzanne Dellal," Naharin said. "This is our home. We'll go out only for those big works which cannot be done there."

Vardi's biggest dream at the moment is to create "a group working regularly in the center. We need an artistic organization



General manager Yair Vardi had vision of the Suzanne Dellal Center as a 'thriving, sizzling place.'

(Itanach Guttman)

to work on an ongoing basis in these spaces."

Vardi is not necessarily talking

about an ongoing ensemble. Rather, he dreams of special projects during which young dancer-chore-

ographers will be able to create and perform their work. "But it must be more than a one-time festival event. We need continuity and even more so the young performers need this continuity."

The Suzanne Dellal Center is celebrating its fifth anniversary in style. The Batsheva Dance Company opened the celebrations with a marathon of its work and there is an exciting international dance competition taking place at the center.

Two years ago, Vardi organized the first dance competition at Suzanne Dellal, but it was not a success.

This time he believes the quality is much higher. "We had over 200 applications. We watched 90 of them and eventually chose 30. It will be a very interesting competition."

There are two first prizes, one each for choreography and dancing worth \$15,000.

In December there will be another edition of the Lifting the Curtain festival for young choreographers, a video dance workshop and a choreography workshop later in the year, all to nurture local dance.

"I have this idea to bring famous choreographers to work with local talent on the most important dance works which already exist worldwide," says Vardi. "I hope I will manage to do so."

## Still afloat on the big blues ocean

NEW RELEASES

TIRZAH AGASSI

MUSICIANS' lives are rarely dignified, yet some old-timers survive with their bodies, their minds and even their integrity intact.

Eric Clapton and Neil Young are two such elder statesmen serving as role models for the fresh crop of young desperados launching rock 'n' roll careers.

Both musicians have new releases which are selling well and garnering critical acclaim. Both Clapton's live blues album *From the Cradle* (Hed Arzi) and Neil Young and Crazy Horse's *Sleeps With Angels* (Hed Arzi) are formidable projects by mature men who are by no means standing still.

VH1, America's "MTV for older people" is running a spot in which Clapton, its current featured artist, confides, "I'm qualified to sing the blues, because of what has happened to me. But I'll never do it as good as a black man."

Such humility is refreshing, but unwarranted. For there are plenty of poor black musicians, and Clapton and his 14-man musical crew do just fine in their blue-eyed interpretations of 16 blues classics.

Clapton credits these songs with having served as a life raft for him during his own tribulations, and admits to being quite scared to add his own testament to blues history. Nonetheless, he and the guys have a whole of a time in these very live sessions that are a veritable orgy of ecstatic misery.

The archetypal woman who inspires these men may have had the nerve to kick each and every one of them out of her life, but this is not a down album.

Tribute is paid to legends such as Eddie Boyd ("Third Degree"), Ray Charles ("Sinner's Prayer"), Lowell Fulson ("Reconsider Baby") and above all Muddy Waters ("Blow Wind Blow," "Standing Around Crying" and "Hoochie Coochie Man").

Clapton's interpretation and



Elder statesmen of blues and rock, Neil Young (left) and Eric Clapton are role models for the younger generation of musicians.

musicianship are both masterfully controlled and wildly expressive. He manages to be believable and avoids overdoing it. As he sings "Motherless Child," this British-born illegitimate son who hated having to pretend that his mother was his sister, gives us everything he knows on a soul level.

The only problem with the album is its length. At 16 tracks, I find it overlong. But blues lovers will surely consider the extra tracks a bonus. The same goes for pub owners and restaurateurs who will surely play it for ambiance.

IT TOOK courage for Clapton to plunge into the well-charted waters of the blues, and it took a different kind of courage for Neil Young to head out into the ozone as he does on *Sleeps With Angels*.

The title song is about grunge suicide Kurt Cobain. Young, who has been called "the grandfather of grunge," must surely have been pained by this repeat performance of the self-destruction that was rampant among the musical peers of his youth.

Like Clapton, whose album is a full-scale exercise in male bonding, Young is surrounded by trusted musical friends, namely his band Crazy Horse, to whom he gives full billing.

This is an odd album in which Young goes out on a limb, singing almost off-key, as though wondering out loud. The first song, "My Heart," sounds like a music box backing a lullaby about a mid-life crisis: "Somewhere, somehow I've got to get somewhere / If it's not too late, if it's not too late...."

My love I will give to you / Though I'm not sure what love can do...."

Along the way he touches various bases. On "The Prime of Life," he asks "Are you feeling all right? / Not feeling too bad myself." It sounds as if this son of a prominent Toronto journalist is sending out a newsletter to his entire generation, plus every former freak on the planet.

He also deals with drive-by shootings and the demise of the great western hero who knew that he was the hero.

Young even gets extremely personal in the overlong "Change Your Mind," informing us, "The morning comes, there's an odor in the room / The scent of love, more than a million roses bloom." The song sounds like a paean to matrimony as he insists that the listener

not "let another day go by without the magic touch."

He is generous with his confidences, but the musings he shares are often not quite crystallized. Love seems to be what's worth it, the decline of the inner city haunts him and he is still furious at shoddy consumerism. "Safeway Cart" is a stirring vignette about the underclass, and "Piece of Crap" is an entertaining, spontaneous outburst. Nonetheless, the album could have used a little editing.

If you are a fan of Young's and can forgive his self-indulgence, this intimate album could become a beloved household staple. If not, last year's unplugged album (Hed Arzi) will give you more bang for your buck. Come to think of it, the same applies to Clapton and his unplugged effort.



## Sophisticated kid stuff

HELEN KAYE

AFTER three years of nurturing the Children and Youth Theater (CYT) back to artistic and financial health, general manager and artistic director Dr. Razi Amitai decided it was time for him to direct again.

He's preparing *Mr. Maze's Amazing Maze Plays* by UK playwright Alan Ayckbourn, translated into Hebrew by Ben Bar-Shavit, one of four new plays in the 14-play lineup for the 1994/95 season opening this month.

*Mr. Maze's Amazing Maze Plays* (Hakol al Hakol Bemavoch Hagadol) is one of two plays for six- to eight-year-olds and enlists the audience to help Suzy and her dog, Neville, rout a mysterious wizard who imprisons sounds.

"I've missed directing dreadfully," Amitai confides at CYT's downtown Tel Aviv offices. "Whether or not to work creatively is a dilemma facing many who come to management via the arts."

Not, he hastens to add, that the constant problem-solving which management entails can't be creative in its own way. When Amitai took over CYT in the spring of 1992, the theater, crippled by a NIS 2.3 million deficit, had suspended operations.

A bailout loan from the Ministry of Education and Culture covered the deficit, and, aided by radical restructuring, the theater has since been financially sound.

This year's budget is NIS 4.8m., of which NIS 1.8m. comes from the Ministry of Communications and the Arts and NIS 600,000 from the Tel Aviv Municipality, which also supports CYT's home theater, the Yaron Yerushalmi Auditorium at the Suzanne Dellal Center. The rest of CYT's funding is earned income.

Last year "we gave 742 performances," says Amitai, "an increase of 400% over the previous season, when we did 186."

Another first last season was a (successful) subscription series. This year subscribers can choose four of the nine plays in the four-to-12 age range. These include *The Fall and Rise of King Archi-*

*spectus* I and *Ella and Louis*, both of which won first prize at the Haifa Children's Theater Festival.

CYT's total audience is from kindergarten through 12th grade. Its productions tend to have an educational message, such as *The Adara Oath* and *What a Vacation*, both in their third season, which are about immigrant absorption, or the new *The Color Pearl* by Haim Iddiss, CYT's '94/95 season opener, about totalitarianism.

A similar play (and film), *The Wave*, not a CYT production, was a straightforward examination of how totalitarian regimes develop. *The Color of the Pearl* is more subtle because its hero, Alexander, shows the audience that his silent complicity is what feeds the monster.

"The question of moral cowardice and courage are at the heart of this play," agrees *Pearl* director Itzik Weingarten, who is looking forward to the debates he hopes the play will spark.

Other plays in the lineup include *Two on a Roof*, which discusses coexistence (eighth season), *The Golem*, whose subject is the end versus the means, and *Wasserman*, a dramatization of the fantasy by Yoram Kaniuk.

"Because good theater, not education, is our primary criterion," Amitai insists, "we're not tied to any central pedagogic idea in our choice of material. It's not our business to make theater that will or will not suit the authorities' educational themes for any given year." None the less, "as a state-subsidized theater it is our business to set standards that other [children's theaters] will aspire to."

Amitai reluctantly agrees that much of local children's theater patronizes its young audiences, but rejects the idea that CYT does the same.

"Today's children are video-clip kids whose patience is limited and whose attention span is short," he says, "but they're also more sophisticated visually and aurally. We try to find ways of presenting theater so that it will remain the exciting event it always has been."

## Three's not a crowd

DANCE

DORA SOWDEN

THE Bat-Dor Dance Company's program at Tel Aviv's Noga Theater on October 3 could be called a triple triumph.

Three of the works were premieres, two by Gigi Caculeanu, who last year added two works to the Bat-Dor repertoire, and one by Joe Orlando, who has been here more than once to teach Bat-Dor summer courses.

These three were of such high caliber that they made this occasion a worthy dedication to the late dance patron and Capoeira dance-gear chain owner, Estelle Sommers.

Compared with the earlier Caculeanu works, these two were a surprise — vibrant and contrastive, novel and clever.

*Comedy lightheartedly* recalled the days of the commedia dell'arte that made its way around Europe, entertaining princes and peasants with antics that ranged from mime to mimicry.

The choreographer used the old gestures the performers employed to draw the audience members' attention to themselves. The timing was tumultuous and rollicking, aided by the droll costuming.

Seven dancers filled the stage

delightfully, as if they were a multi-trace, and the Lully music was delightful too.

Acto, on the other hand, was made of sterner stuff. A huge dial marked the passage of time, and love and life at various ages and stages.

At 5:10, two teenagers patted and frolicked. Later, an older couple danced their relationship, and still later an even older couple showed tempestuous difference, until finally, since everything must come to the same end, there was a slowing down, the most subtle touch of all.

If anyone thought that whatever would follow would be an anticlimax, they were wrong. Orlando's *Drum Spirit* was full-blooded and brought back the fire of life and living. The choreography drew upon the primitive and the present, and the drums were not alone in dictating the beat. If there is one word for it, it is "pleasure."

No wonder the applause was uproarious. The program had opened with Nils Christie's *Museum*, well-danced but choreographically a display rather than communication.

## Ra'anana off on the right foot

CONCERT ROUNDUP

WITH new concertmaster Nital Zori at its helm, the Ra'anana Symphony opened its season with style, playing better than it ever has.

The program was conventional but only to a point. It was the middle piece that made the real difference and showcased the orchestra at its very best.

Instead of the customary concerto, the Symphonette offered De Falla's *The Three-Cornered Hat*, in a presentation with the Yoram Boker Mime Group.

The ballet was given a fiery reading by the orchestra under Yehoram Scharovsky's baton. It was a performance suggesting the Symphonette is capable of exciting playing when it performs the right repertoire.

The three mimes added charm to the performance with their straight-forward rendition of a love triangle. It was lively, though far from sophisticated, showcasing the power of mime.

In Dvorak's Seventh Symphony the orchestra was less convincing. This is a piece intended for larger symphony orchestras. That said, the playing was solid throughout but lacked the joy de vivre delivered in the evening's encore, a *Slavonic Dance* by Dvorak. *Yad Labanim, Ra'anana, October 6.*

Michael Ajzenstadt  
THE Lod Chamber Orchestra in-

augured its first season on Saturday evening, and showed it is an ensemble to be reckoned with.

The players (13 strings, eight winds) brought fine-honed musicianship to bear on works by Elgar, Lully, Corelli and Handel. All seasoned professionals from the former USSR, they accompanied Haydn's Trumpet Concerto (soloist Doron Silashi) with well-rounded intonation.

They also followed conductor Shimon Shahal in a warm, loving performance of Mozart's Symphony No. 29. For one number, "Waltz" from Tchaikovsky's *Sere-*

nade for Strings, the ensemble played without a conductor and exhibited a sure sense of rhythmic cooperation and harmonic blend.

The versatile Shahal — composer, educator and ethnomusicologist — organized the Lod Chamber Orchestra in collaboration with the Lod Municipality. The salary orchestra will present eight evening concerts and children's concerts in the schools this season.

The audience of 300 which filled the concert hall responded to the new ensemble with grateful satisfaction. Many of them, like the musicians, were immigrants. *Ramat Eshkol Community Center in Lod, October 8.* Max Stern

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#2	2	R.E.M.	MONSTER
#3	3	RITA	THE GRAND LOVE
#4	4	NATASHA'S FRIENDS	RADIO BLAH BLAH
#5	5	YEHUDIT RAVITZ	FOLLOW YOUR HEART
#6	6	FLIM SOUND TRACK	THE LION KING
#7	7	YEHUDIT RAVITZ	COLLECTION
#8	8	SHLOMO ARTZI	COMPLETE COLLECTION
#9	9	HIT MAN 1984	VOLUME 5
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#11	11	FLIM SOUND TRACK	FORREST GUMP
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### New York market indexes

Index	Value	Change
DJ Industrial	8919.3	+15.7
DJ Composite	7793.5	+15.7
NYSE Dow Jones	12171.3	+15.7
NYSE S&P 500	2871.2	+15.7
NYSE NASDAQ	2871.2	+15.7
NYSE NYSE	2871.2	+15.7
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### Unusual activity

Stock	Volume	Change
IBM	402	+15.7
Microsoft	191	+15.7
Oracle	191	+15.7
Other	191	+15.7

### Other stock market indexes

Index	Value	Change
FTSE 100	3033.9	+15.7
London	3033.9	+15.7
Other	3033.9	+15.7

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# Bloom fails to pass Muster

LOCAL racketeers had a tough time yesterday with four of five crashing out of the Joyce Eisenberg Israel Open in Ramat Hasharon.

Seventeen-year-old Yoni Erlich was the only local player to advance to the second round when he downed the more favored Eyal Erlich 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Other Israelis exiting the tournament were Gila Bloom, Eyal Ran and Ofer Sela.

More than half the action in the Bloom/Thomas Muster match was spent off court as lightning and torrential rains stopped play in the first set with third-seed Muster leading 4-3.

After the delay, Muster's eagerness to seize the match was manifested. He broke Bloom's serve immediately and sealed the first set with an ace in a matter of minutes.

Both players stayed at the baseline relying on protracted rallies and devastating groundstrokes. Muster's buoyant energy propelled him into the next set although Bloom broke back and took a 4-1 lead.

From here on Bloom's concentration deserted him while Muster stormed through, winning five successive games to finish the job 6-3, 6-4. Muster's energetic pace continued off court after the game. "I'm really looking forward to doing something productive in Tel Aviv," he said.

## HEATHER CHAIT

Bloom was subdued but not despondent. "We both played tennis of a high standard and I feel fine overall," commented Bloom, whose loss marks the first time he exits the tournament in the first round.

Aware of the intense pressure on Davis Cup player Eyal Erlich to live up to his reputation, the athletic Yoni Erlich kept the game in his control, never allowing Eyal to settle down. Yoni broke Eyal's serve in the second game of the first set and capitalized on the advantage to clinch the set in just 30 minutes.

Eyal had the upper hand in the second set, hanging onto his break in the eighth game for the set.

In the deciding set, Yoni shot to a commanding 5-2 lead, was brought back to 5-4, but Yoni was too solid for Eyal and broke in the final game to take the set.

Eyal Ran (220 in the ATP rankings) produced scintillating tennis against the eighth seed Jonas Bjorkman from Sweden (55), losing both sets in the tiebreak 7-6 (5), 7-6 (8).

Bjorkman eased by Ran to an early 3-1 lead, breaking Ran in the fourth game. Ran broke back immediately and then held serve to level at 3-3.

At 5-5, Ran pulled off a stunning cross-court

shot which, followed by Bjorkman's next failed volley, gave Ran the edge at 6-5.

But Bjorkman was not to be quelled. He evened at 6-6 and grabbed the tiebreak 7-5.

The second set was marked by breaks by both players with Bjorkman keeping the pressure on the less experienced Ran.

In the second tiebreak, Ran held a 5-2 advantage but Bjorkman, playing typical Swedish tennis with a strong, deep forehand and endless patience, crept back to level at 6-6 and then usurped the tiebreak 8-6.

Ran was satisfied with his play, saying "He won on the critical points but my game was more aggressive than usual."

Ofer Sela (322) met his match in Vince Spadea (99) of the US, losing 6-3, 7-5 in 1½ hours. Sela's backhand failed him in the first set and Spadea took his opportunities, breaking at 3-1 and 5-1.

The second set was more balanced but at 5-5, Spadea broke serve and continued to close the set.

Other results: Christian Saceanu (Germany) beat Jan Apell (Sweden) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 and Christian Bergstrom (Sweden) stopped Jordi Burillo (Spain) 6-3, 6-2.

The match between Wayne Ferreira (South Africa) and Francisco Roig (Spain) was postponed until today.



IN THE LIONS' DEN - San Francisco QB Steve Young grapples under a trio of Detroit Defenders. Young left the game briefly after the play. (AP)

## 49ers capitalize on Lions' penalties for 27-21 win



PONTIAC (AP) - The San Francisco 49ers rallied from an early Detroit surge to beat the Lions 27-21 on Sunday.

It looked like the Lions, who had lost two straight since beating Dallas, were in control, having scored on their first two possessions.

A slow start was the last thing the 49ers, coming off a 40-8 embarrassment by Philadelphia, wanted. But they capitalized on a crop of Detroit penalties to score two quick touchdowns and tie the score at halftime.

"Nothing is easy for us right now, but we're hanging in there," 49ers quarterback Steve Young said. "It's not easy being down 14-0 on the road, but we've got some guys on the team who have been around a long time. We knew that we didn't need to scream and panic. We just had to get going."

The Lions were penalized 12 times for 101 yards. Five of the penalties were against their special teams.

"We got a lot of our penalties in the kicking game, and that's something I have to look into," Lions coach Wayne Fontes said.

Young hit 19 of 25 passes for 152 yards, including a 5-yard TD pass to Nate Singleton.

Floyd carried eight times for 35 yards and caught five passes for 43 yards.

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	117	118
Indianapolis	3	3	0	.500	107	129
New England	3	3	0	.500	159	159
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	105	105
Pittsburgh	2	4	0	.333	118	129

Central	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Cleveland	1	0	0	.000	118	58
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	100	101
Houston	1	4	0	.200	78	122
Cincinnati	0	5	0	.000	78	129

West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Diego	5	0	0	1.000	134	84
Kansas City	3	2	0	.600	90	80
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	98	86
LA Raiders	3	2	0	.600	116	141
Denver	1	4	0	.200	108	146

"Taking away the deep ball is their game," Young said. "We had the short stuff and they gave us runs up the middle, which William took advantage of."

Eagles 21, Redskins 17. Rookie Charlie Gomer had his second 100-yard game in two weeks, rushing for 122 yards on 28 carries as host Philadelphia won its fourth in a row.

The Redskins drove to the Eagles' 33 late in the game, but Heath Slater's third-and-10 pass was intercepted by Greg Jackson at the 3 with 47 seconds remaining.

Broncos 16, Seattle 9. Visiting Denver broke a seven-game losing streak dating to last season, leaving Cincinnati as the NFL's only winless team.

John Elway scored on a short run, and Jason Elam kicked three field goals.

Chargers 24, Chiefs 6. Natrone Means ran for a career-high 123 yards and one touchdown on 19 carries as host San Diego remained the NFL's only undefeated team.

The Chiefs have lost two straight games for the first time since Montana moved over last season from San Francisco.

Cowboys 38, Cardinals 3. Emmitt Smith scored twice and Troy Aikman threw two touchdown passes.

The Cowboys rolled the Cardinals with four touchdowns in the first half, three of them following interceptions of Jay Schroeder by the NFL's best defense.

Raiders 21, Patriots 17. Cornerback Terry McDaniels returned an interception for a touchdown, and his second of three pickoffs set up the deciding score as visiting Los Angeles stopped New England's three-game winning streak.

Blodgett, who entered the game as the league's passing leader, threw for 321 yards, but his three interceptions were costly for New England.

Bears 17, Saints 7. Steve Walsh played his third straight game in place of the injured Erik Kramer.

### SUNDAY'S RESULTS

NY Jets 16, Indianapolis 6  
Green Bay 24, LA Rams 17  
Buffalo 21, Miami 11  
Chicago 17, New Orleans 7  
San Francisco 27, Detroit 21  
Atlanta 34, Tampa Bay 13  
Dallas 38, Oakland 10  
Denver 16, Seattle 9  
San Diego 20, Kansas City 6  
LA Raiders 21, New England 17  
Philadelphia 21, Washington 17  
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mer and remained unbeaten as host Chicago's starting quarterback.

Walsh directed two long second-half scoring drives, completing 16 of 26 passes for 174 yards. Lewis Tillman rushed for 100 yards and a touchdown for the Bears.

Packers 24, Rams 17. Reggie White and the rest of host Green Bay's defense held Jerome Bettis, the NFL's No. 2 rusher, to 65 yards rushing on 22 carries as the Packers came from behind to win.

The Rams led 17-3 at halftime before Green Bay scored 21 straight points in the second half.

Bills 21, Dolphins 11. Thurman Thomas ran for two touchdowns as host Buffalo moved into a first-place tie with the Dolphins in the AFC East.

Thomas, who sat out last week with a strained knee so he would be ready for the Dolphins, ran 31 times for 125 yards - his fourth consecutive game with more than 100 rushing yards.

Jets 16, Colts 6. New York snapped a five-year home losing streak against Indianapolis (2-4) in a game marked by fumbles, penalties and interceptions.

Backup running back Adrian Murray led the Jets with a 19-yard run, and Boomer Esiason hit Johnny Mitchell with a 1-yard TD pass for the Jets' first TD against the Colts in three years.

Nick Lowery kicked three field goals.

Falcons 34, Buccaneers 13. Ironhead Heyward scored two touchdowns in his first start of the season, and Vinny Clark returned interceptions 74 and 21 yards in host Atlanta's third straight win.

Jeff George threw two touchdowns passes. Heyward rushed for 87 yards and a pair of touchdowns as Atlanta took a 24-0 lead late in the first half.

Atlanta's defense held the Colts to 10 yards on 10 plays in the second half.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	4	1	0	.800	136	58
Philadelphia	4	1	0	.800	107	58
N.Y. Giants	3	1	0	.750	101	90
Arizona	1	4	0	.200	101	111
Washington	1	5	0	.167	112	165

Central	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	.000	113	108
Minnesota	3	2	0	.600	107	85
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	107	84
Carolina	2	4	0	.333	90	138
Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	80	118

West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	136	112
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	94	108
LA Rams	2	2	0	.500	84	108
New Orleans	2	4	0	.333	97	138

## Holon beats Hapoel TA

JOEL GORDIN

AFTER three National Basketball League defeats in succession, hosts Hapoel Holon chalked up a much-needed 94-81 victory over Hapoel Tel Aviv last night in the final game of the sixth round. Holon and Tel Aviv are now even in the standings with 3-3 marks.

Tel Aviv coach Zvi Sherf opened with Milton Wagner in the playmaker slot, filling in for the injured Gilad Katz. Despite Wagner's obvious lack of speed in the vital role, Tel Aviv held a three-point advantage for most of the early going.

Many of their points were scored after fastbreaks, as a result of Holon's inability to mount an effective defense. But it was excellent shooting by David Thirskill which kept Holon in the game and eventually took them to a slight 43-41 halftime advantage.

In the second half, it was all Holon and the name of their game was Adi Gordon. The mercurial, diminutive former Hapoel Jerusalem and national team star showed why he was once rated the best Israeli player in the league. He finally found the form he had before he was struck by illness which dogged him throughout last season. He ran rings around the Tel Aviv defense to score 24 points, plus six assists.

Thirskill led Holon with 31 points.

The picture on the other side of the court is not so rosy, however. Tel Aviv suffered its third loss in succession (two in the league, one to Maccabi Tel Aviv in the European Club Championships).

Tel Aviv's bright spot was Buck Johnson's 35 points, Wagner, when he could get out of Thirskill's clutches, sank 21.

### National Basketball League

	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Maccabi Tel Aviv	3	0	0	1.000
2. Hapoel Holon	3	0	0	1.000
3. Hapoel Tel Aviv	3	1	0	.750
4. Hapoel Ramat Gan	3	1	0	.750
5. Hapoel Eilat	3	1	0	.750
6. Hapoel Ashdod	3	1	0	.750
7. Hapoel Be'er Sheva	3	1	0	.750
8. Hapoel Jerusalem	3	1	0	.750
9. Hapoel Haifa	3	1	0	.750
10. Hapoel Netanya	3	1	0	.750
11. Hapoel Ashdod	3	1	0	.750
12. Hapoel Be'er Sheva	3	1	0	.750
13. Hapoel Ashdod	3	1	0	.750
14. Hapoel Ramat Gan	3	1	0	.750

## Gudker shines for Beersheba

Post Sports Staff

BEERSHEBA won its first ever cricket trophy, beating Lod in the section B final in Ashdod on Saturday. The trophy is named in memory of Ben Abraham, the founder of Israeli cricket.

The star performer for the victors was Naor Gudker who took 5/39 in addition to a quick 18 in four balls as his side hit out at the end.

In other action, Ashdod A qualified for the league final for the third straight year when they defeated Netanya.

Beersheba 214/7 (Moshe Yafet 47, Sulomoni Cohen 36, George Shearer 31, Jacob Levy 32/22) beat Lod 156 (Eldad Kasookar 47, Solomon Waskar 46, Naor Gudker 5/39).

Ashdod A 136 (Gershon Waskar 32, Mike Jacobs 3/22) beat Netanya (Adrian Vard 30, Gershon Waskar 8/26).

## Bowlers leave for S. Africa

SAM SKUDOWITZ

THE national bowls team leaves today for South Africa to play two Test matches against the hosts and a further two against designated Maccabi teams.

The men's team consists of Cecil Bransky, Jeff Rabkin, Lawrence Mendelsohn, Chaim Miller and Lea Averbuch. In 1992 at Worthing, England, Israel beat South Africa in the final to win the world triples gold medal.

The women's team of Maureen Hirschowitz, Molly Skudowitz, Pina Gelbiger, Merle Szwedlow and Renee Kusan will have their hands full against a team which recently won fours gold at the Commonwealth Games.

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## Nat'l team takes on Slovakia

ORI LEWIS

THE national soccer side has a great incentive when they take on Slovakia in the European Nations' Championship qualifier in Ramat Gan tomorrow. They know that a win will put them two points clear of the field in Group 1, and a good chance of staying in the running for a place in the 1996 finals in England.

But incentives will not be enough to win, as the Slovakian side, which arrived from Bratislava yesterday, is no pushover and a result similar to that which Israel produced against Poland last month will be much harder to attain.

Israel coach Shlomo Scharf has declared his intention to keep to the winning side which produced that 2-1 victory. He must hope that all the players will be fully fit, however.

Tal Benin, Ronen Harazi

(scorer of both Israel's goals against the Poles), captain Nir Klinger and Avi Nimni all had niggling injuries but are expected to be named in the line-up for tomorrow's match which kicks off at 18:00.

Morale is high in the Israel camp for the match, but the Slovak side, which is new to the international arena with only nine matches in the record books since its newfound independence. The first match was a 1-0 victory over the UAE earlier this year.

Coach Jozef Venglos will lead a side comprised mainly of players from Slovak champions Slovan Bratislava. Captain Lubomir Moravcik, 29, of France's St. Etienne is the side's most experienced player with 46 caps.

Preceding tomorrow's match is

Israel's under-21 side's match against its Slovak counterpart. That match kicks off at Ashdod this afternoon at 16:00.

Scharf's expected lineup is: Bonnie Ginsburg, Marco Balbul, Nir Klinger (capt.), Alon Harazi, Moshe Giam, Tal Benin, Alon Harazi, Eyal Berkowitz, Haim Revivo, Ronnie Rosenzweig and Ronen Harazi.

In other news, Maccabi Tel Aviv coach Avraham Grant resigned over the weekend but then changed his mind.

Grant was apparently upset over interference of the club's management in coaching issues and he decided to make his point of view absolutely clear. The Maccabi coach refused to comment on the matter, but technical director Emmanuel Ophir told Israel Radio last night that the "misunderstanding" had been cleared up.

## Tomorrow is High Noon for NHL

NEW YORK (AP) - So far, 49 games have been postponed because of the National Hockey League labor strife. How many more days before games will be lost for good?

Many agree tomorrow will be D-Day for the NHL. Decision Day as far as considering an abbreviated schedule.

"They'll probably have to come to an agreement by the middle of the week (in order for the NHL to salvage the entire 84-game schedule)," Jack Ferreira, general manager of the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, said. "The guys have to be skating for a couple of days (to be in game-ready shape)."

But the league may have already reached the point of no return in trying to salvage the entire season.

Negotiators weren't expected to meet before yesterday, at the very least. The NHL Players Association worked through the weekend to have a new contract proposal ready for the NHL.

The league has to consider it today when NHL commissioner Gary Bettman meets with the board of governors in New York. It will take some time for the 26 governors to talk about the union's proposal, which is expected to be the most complex so far.

In their meeting today, the NHL governors will undoubtedly also be talking about the viability of playing on October 15, Bettman's target date to restart the season so that an entire schedule can be played.

Bettman had postponed the original October 1 start of the season for two weeks in the hopes that a new labor agreement could be worked out. However, Bettman has said the season could start on October 15 if there is "meaningful" movement toward a contract settlement.

As for the reality of starting on that day: Players are scattered across North America; some have even gone back to Europe to be with their families. The logistics alone of reassembling teams becomes more difficult as the negotiators head toward Bettman's re-start date.

Another problem: How quickly can players get ready to play?

Randy Ladouceur, the Ducks' captain, said he could start the season on a day's notice, but added that his timing would be off, but he didn't hold out much hope for a quick settlement.

"From what I've heard, I'm not optimistic about getting in an 84-game schedule. It's getting to be crunch time."

Bob Goodenow, executive director of the NHLPA, was in Toronto on Sunday putting the finishing touches on the union's latest contract proposal to the NHL.

The main focus of the stalemate talks thus far is how revenue might be divided to help small-market teams. Both sides have offered tax proposals to provide money for those teams.

## Cancer claims NYC Marathon creator

NEW YORK (AP) - Fred Lebow, a pioneer in the running boom of the 1970s who built the New York City Marathon from a run in the park to an international event watched by millions, died Sunday after a second bout with brain cancer. He was 62.

Lebow died at his Manhattan home and had been treated as an out-patient at Memorial Sloan-Kettering. He was first diagnosed with brain cancer in 1990. The following year, he underwent surgery for thyroid cancer.

At one point, he was told he had six months to live. But he rallied, the disease went into remission and he completed the 1992 NYC Marathon to the cheers of thousands.

"I think I'm the healthiest cancer patient they've ever had," he said.

The cancer recurred early this year.

"In running, it doesn't matter whether you come in first, in the middle of the pack or last," he said. "You can say, 'I have finished.' There is a lot of satisfaction in that."

Allan Steinfield, president of the New York Road Runners Club, said a tribute is planned at the marathon finish line in Central Park tomorrow.

He said staff, board members, sponsors, city officials and volunteers will join hands and cross the finish line together in a "symbolic promise to carry on Fred's dream, the five-borough New York City Marathon, far into the future."

The 25th NYC Marathon is November 6.

"We are prepared and committed to continue the rich legacy of Fred's ideals, promoting health, fitness, competition and community service," Steinfield said. "Fred has left a grand heritage, and we will honor his memory by promoting his goals and realizing his visions."

Lebow first started running to



MARATHON MAN - Fred Lebow turned the NYC Marathon into an internationally renowned event. (AP)

improve his stamina for tennis. The love of tennis eventually gave way to the love of running.

He founded the NYC Marathon in 1970. The first race, a four-loop circuit around Central Park, attracted only 127 runners. Lebow placed 45th out of the 55 finishers.

Tom Fleming, who won the NYC Marathon in 1973 and 1975, said Lebow persisted in his bid for a race through all five boroughs of New York, and city officials finally relented.

Now the race attracts more







# Terror suspect Elba to be freed on bail

JERUSALEM District Court Judge Michaela Shidlowitz-Or decided yesterday to release Rabbi Ido Elba, widely cast in the media as the "spiritual leader" of an alleged Kiyat Arba-based terror underground, on NIS 10,000 bail.

The conditions of the release are that Elba stay with his brother in Dimona, and not have any connection with either those who appear on the list of witnesses to be called in his trial, or with Kiyat Arba residents who are not family members.

Elba will not be released for two days, however, to give the prosecution time to appeal.

Elba has been charged with in-

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citement to racism, illegal possession and manufacturing of weapons, attempting to obtain classified information, and obstruction of justice.

Elba's lawyer, Naftali Wertzberger, said yesterday the decision is significant because the court has determined "that Elba is not dangerous to the public. He is not a dangerous terrorist who needs to be behind bars."

Of the 14 people arrested in the case, four are still in custody — Elba; brothers Eitan and Yehoyada Kahalani, accused of attempted murder; and Lt. Oren Edri, accused of illegally holding

and transferring arms, revealing classified information, and conduct unbecoming that of an officer.

Meanwhile, Sephardi Chief Rabbi Elihu Bakshi-Doron set a letter to Elba's family saying there are times in halachic discourse where issues are studied on a completely theoretical level, without any intent to put them into practice.

Bakshi-Doron was referring to a halachic pamphlet entitled "Clarification of the Halachot Pertaining to the Murder of Gentiles," in which Elba wrote that the injunction "Thou shalt not kill" is not applicable to a Jew who kills a Gentile.

## Government bill would stiffen penalties for wiretapping

WIRETAPPING would be punishable by five years in prison, and a private investigator could lose his license for illegal eavesdropping, according to a bill discussed in the Knesset Law Committee yesterday.

The maximum sentence for wiretapping is currently three years, and the courts have no authority to take away an investigator's license.

The government-sponsored bill also expands the definition of wiretapping to include all electronic modes of communication, restricts police use of wiretapping to felony cases, requires annual publication of the number of wiretaps performed by the police, and extends the general ban on using illegal wiretaps as evidence to the rabbinical courts.

On the other hand, it permits illegal wiretaps to be used as evidence in certain cases, if the court approves. It permits eavesdropping on lawyers, clergymen, doctors, and psychologists — who previously could not be wiretapped at all — in murder, drug-related, or security cases, with prior approval

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by the attorney-general. It also allows wiretaps for the purpose of stopping security leaks on the sole approval of the prime minister, without a court order.

Several MKs and various interest groups expressed opposition to various parts of the bill.

Representatives of the Association of Private Investigation Firms are particularly incensed over the idea that the courts could deprive them of their licenses. There is a committee set up by law, headed by a retired judge, which already has this power, they argued, and this committee's decisions would be more uniform than those of the courts.

However, most of the MKs did not appear to accept this argument.

"You don't understand that there is a great outcry in this house against the type of crime some of you are committing," said committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz).

"We're against wiretapping," protested association legal adviser

Ya'acov Cohen.

"Then help us institute a penalty that's a penalty!" Zucker retorted.

Cohen and a representative of the Israel Bar Association also objected to some of the bill's limitations on wiretapping. If, for instance, a member of a company's board is suspected of leaking information to a competitor, or an unknown employee is running up thousands of shekels worth of phone bills, wiretapping should be permitted to uncover the truth, Cohen said.

"Who said privacy is the most important thing in the world?" he demanded.

In contrast, former justice minister Dan Meridor (Likud) and the Association of Civil Rights in Israel both protested that the bill does not go far enough in protecting privacy. Both, for instance, objected to wiretapping for security reasons requiring no more than the prime minister's say-so.

Meridor also attacked the idea of making illegal wiretaps acceptable evidence in some cases, saying this gives police an incentive to ignore proper procedure.



Visiting Congolese President Pascal Lissouba is received by Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss for tour of the plenum and Chagall Hall. (Jasac Hamari)

## Policeman shoots his wife, then commits suicide

A POLICEMAN shot and critically wounded his wife, then killed himself late Sunday night in the Katamonim section of Jerusalem.

Kochava Fattal, 29, remained in critical condition at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, last night. Yishai Fattal, 32, was declared dead by Magen David Adom medics at their apartment. Investigators would only say the

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incident was sparked by "family problems," but noted that police had never received any complaints from the wife of abuse.

Neighbors rushed to the Fattal's Rehov Antigonus home after hearing shots there at around 11:30. They broke down the door to find Yishai in a pool of blood,

his pistol under his body. His wife was found in an adjoining room.

The couple has two children, aged 4 and 7, who were at home at the time.

The incident marked the second time in two weeks a husband took a gun to his wife or ex-wife and then committed suicide. In both cases, the men used weapons issued by the police.

## 3 more shelters for battered women planned

Jerusalem Post Staff

LABOR and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir yesterday announced plans to establish three more shelters for battered women, in light of the increase in incidents of violence against women.

The shelters, which are to be operational by the end of the year, will be established in Beersheva, an area with a large Arab population, and another location that will be decided on in the next two weeks.

Namir called a special meeting yesterday to discuss the issue, as a result of the wave of domestic violence against women. Late Sunday night, a Jerusalem woman was shot and critically wounded by her husband.

The opening of the centers, said Namir, will substantially fortify the means to protect battered women in the country. The ministry's other centers are located in Jerusalem, Ashdod, Herzliya, Haifa, Raders, and an Arab village in the north.

The existing centers have a capacity of 400 women and 650 children. This year, the ministry has also established two "half-way houses" that have 11 apartments where 31 women can live.

In another development, MK Naomi Blumenthal told the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women that the Labor-Shas coalition agreement posed a danger to the country's women.

"Instead of strengthening the basic rights of women, laws which harm women are being strengthened," said Blumenthal (Likud).

Lawyers, academics, liberal religious groups and civil rights groups were invited to the committee meeting to express their opinions on the agreement, which obligates Labor to support legislation to circumvent High Court rulings on religious affairs.

Labor MK Yael Dayan said she would have to support the coalition agreement but would make every effort "to delay legislation which will harm the status of women and civil rights."

## Namir: Training courses should target the right people

PRIORITY should be given to professional training for women, new immigrants, young people, and demobilized soldiers, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir said yesterday.

At a meeting with the head of the ministry's Manpower Development and Vocational Training Department, Namir said these groups of people should be given assistance in learning trades that are in demand.

In the past, she said, the skills people learned in training courses were not really useful.

Namir, who appointed a new

director for the department three months ago, said the branch has a negative image of simply handing out welfare payments to people taking outdated and useless courses.

The department, Namir said, will now examine the real needs of the economy and develop appropriate courses.

"This is the key to the department's future success," said Namir.

She said the ministry would hire a research institute to determine the exact manpower needs in the economy. (Itim)

## Hostels to be established for former mental patients

JUDY SIEGEL

THIS average psychiatric patient is hospitalized for 50 days, and two out of five are institutionalized only once in the course of their lives.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh disclosed these statistics during a tour of the Geha Psychiatric Hospital in Petah Tikva, which marked World Mental Health Day.

At any one time, 7,000 patients are being treated as inpatients in psychiatric hospitals. There are

1.3 beds for every 1,000 residents today, compared with 2.4 beds per 1,000 in the early 1980s. This decline, said Sneh, is due to improved medications and other treatments that allow patients to return home more quickly.

During the coming year, the ministry will establish 12 hostels for former psychiatric patients in cooperation with ENOSH, the Israel Mental Health Association.

These facilities will add 180 beds for those patients who are regarded as cured but are unable to leave institutions because they have nowhere to go.

Also yesterday, the Health Ministry said that the number of mental patients being committed to institutions against their will should decrease significantly, thanks to a new policy that will separate the office of the district psychiatrist

from the functioning of psychiatric institutions.

The Health Ministry said this change is part of the new Mental Health Law, whose implementation began this year. Under this law, a number of procedures must be followed before a person can be committed to a mental institution against his or her will.

Patients may also now be required to undergo forms of outpatient treatment in a community clinic.

## Witness, Deri's lawyer clash in court

FORMER Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin and lawyer Dan Avi-Yitzhak, representing Aryeh Deri, clashed in Jerusalem District Court yesterday over the circumstances under which the non-profit association headed by Deri had received alternative land.

Avi-Yitzhak presented documents in court he said proved that the Housing Ministry had changed its mind concerning how to use the land at Nebi Samwil which had been purchased by the group, deciding it should be a tourist site, with no housing built there. Therefore, the group was entitled to some kind of compensation.

Nehamkin, however, stuck by his version of events, saying the association had been duped by the Arab that sold them the land. He asked Avi-Yitzhak during the cross-examination session: "Why have I been asked the same question five times, so that I should apologize and say I lied? I did not make up the

things I am saying, and I did not mislead the prime minister."

Avi-Yitzhak claimed that the fact that registration of 180 dunams of the land had begun proved that there had been no problem in buying the land, and that it was not, as Nehamkin had claimed, sold without proper deeds or with forged papers.

Judge Miriam Naor told both Nehamkin and Avi-Yitzhak that they had passed the stage of proving who was more stubborn, and asked that they stick to the matter at hand.

Avi-Yitzhak complied, and stopped asking Nehamkin about those specific documents, but then turned to other documents and continued pressing the witness about why the alternate land had been granted to the group.

The cross-examination will continue tomorrow. (Itim)

## Secretary: Dinitz suggested repaying in installments

JEWISH Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz's secretary, Marlene Moseck, continued her testimony in yesterday's session of his trial on fraud charges in Jerusalem District Court.

In his cross-examination of Moseck, defense attorney Uri Wegman focused on who suggested that Dinitz repay the money he owed the agency in installments. She replied that the suggestion came from Dinitz himself.

She also said that until the mat-

ter of the money Dinitz owed the agency came up, it was accepted practice for emissaries to request a complete advance on expenses before going abroad.

She said that Nadav Shukran, who was in charge of reimbursing trip expenses, came to her and offered to show her how to fill out the forms to request reimbursement for expenses. He also suggested that Dinitz request only partial payment in advance, and that the difference between the

partial payment and his actual expenses be used to reduce his debt to the agency.

She said she took this suggestion to Dinitz and he agreed.

She also said that after Shukran raised the issue of Dinitz's use of agency credit cards for personal expenses, Dinitz requested the New York office to provide him with expense authorizations. He did this, she said, to insure that all his personal expenses be repaid from his personal account. (Itim)

## Cocaine courier gets 6½ years

RAINE MARCUS

A COURIER who smuggled eight kilograms of liquefied cocaine from Colombia inside bottles of coffee liqueur was imprisoned for six-and-a-half years by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Mordechai Spiegel was caught by Tel Aviv narcotics squad detectives at Ben-Gurion Airport with six bottles of Colombian liqueur and a bottle of port containing the drugs.

He cooperated fully with police, leading them to the homes of gang members.

He told police that although he had smuggled drugs on previous occasions of his own volition, this time gang members had blackmailed him, and threatened him with a \$12,000 "fine" if he refused to smuggle additional drugs.

Spiegel agreed to testify against his colleagues in return for a lighter sentence.

This was the first time police here had confiscated liquefied cocaine. The gang had planned to convert it to powdered cocaine through a relatively simple process.

## KNESSET BRIEFS

### New head for Labor and Social Committee

Yossi Katz (Labor) was yesterday elected the new chairman of the Labor and Social Affairs Committee, replacing Amir Peretz (Labor). Peretz, who was part of Haim Ramon's list in the Histadrut, is now busy with his new job as head of the labor federation's trade union section. Katz received 19 votes in the election, held among members of the Labor Knesset faction only; Dalia Itzik received 15 votes and Rafi Eini received eight. All three of the candidates are first-term MKs.

### Guidelines wanted on MK visits to prisoners

The attorney-general should draw up clear guidelines on when the police have the right to forbid an MK to visit a prisoner, the House Committee decided yesterday. While current guidelines recommend a balance between the MK's rights and the needs of the investigation, they do not clearly state where that balance should be struck.

### Bill would make day care tax deductible

Day care costs would be a tax-deductible expense for working women, according to a private member's bill submitted by Economics Committee chairman Gideon Peat (Likud). Peat said that currently, day care is so expensive that many women find it is not worthwhile to work outside the home.

### Staff cuts at airport cause long lines

Long passport control lines at Ben-Gurion Airport are caused by the fact that the staff has been cut 30% over the past few years, while passenger traffic has doubled, Airports Authority director-general Moti Debi told the State Control Committee yesterday. The committee is holding another meeting on the subject tomorrow.

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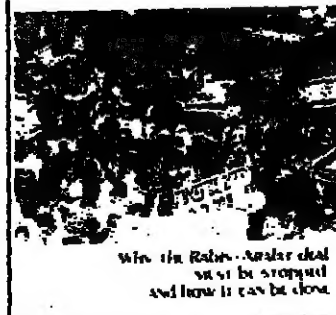
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